Mindanao folk hail Tripoli peace agreement

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Two more heads roll

Larry King of CNN saves Filipino baby

By Carmita B. Francisco

BORN with an inverted heart with a big hole in it and a narrow artery, Jose Ramon Aldeguer was a walking time bomb. He was all of 18 months old.

How CNN star and talk show host, Larry King, came to the little boy's rescue is a story of a miracle, enthused the boy's grandmother, Terry Aldeguer, the other half of the dancing Aldeguer sisters popular in the 70s.

Dr. Wilfrido Lopez of the Philippine Heart Center was the first to diagnose the case of Jose Ramon. "This baby is not compatible with life, he has a congenital heart defect known as " cyanotic heart disease," an inverted heart, a big hole and a narrow artery, "he said.

The condition resulted in insufficient blood pumped into his body that in turn caused him to have a bluish purple color and shortness of breath since he was born.

"We were devastated at the news," recalled the young parents, Luigi Aldeguer and Yvette Ripoll. They were also told that the equipment at the Heart Center for post-operative care should there be complications after the operation, was not up to par.

"At that point, we literally stormed the heavens with prayers from a wide network of friends," said Terry Aldeguer.

Early this year, the family brought Jose Ramon and his parents to the US. Once there, they searched the Internet for various foundations for babies with heart problems. They brought him to the famed Los Angeles Children's Hospital where

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THE CNN talk show star, Larry King, meets with Jose Ramon Aldeguer and his grandmother, Terry Aldeguer, at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital. King, who had a quintuple heart bypass, once made a promise to himself to help heart patients in desperate need of life-saving surgery.

'GMA' survives assassination try

By Juliet L. Javellana

AS THREE grenade explosions ripped through the air and bodies toppled over amid gunfire, bodyguards rushed to protect "President Macapagal-Arroyo" from would-be assassins in Malacañang Park yesterday.

Riveted to their seats, the real Ms Macapagal, husband Mike Arroyo and sons Mikey and Dato, watched the spectacle from the safety of the sidelines.

The Presidential Security Group staged the mock rescue of the President, impersonated by a bubbly member of the Women Auxiliary Corps, during the 103rd founding anniversary of the elite group yesterday.

Spectators were transfixed for five breathtaking minutes by the daring staged assassination attempt and valiant rescue on PSG grounds at Malacañang Park.

The suspense was palpable as "Ms Macapagal" was whisked from her limousine to a back-up car to an armored personnel carrier—and, finally, plucked from the mayhem by the presidential helicopter.

The simulated ambush was staged amid official reports of a destabilization plot against the five-month administration of Ms Macapagal, who had earlier disclosed an alleged scheme to assassinate her and her son Mikey, vice governor-elect of Pampanga.

The drama, "Sinumpaang Tungkulin" (Sworn Duty), was a highlight of the PSG anniversary rites, which included an aerial demonstration by PSG Black Hawk choppers, a parade and an awarding ceremony for heroes of the May 1 attack on Malacañang and a Benguet plane crash.

The mock ambush demonstrated the "challenges and intricacies of protecting the President," according to the emcee of the program.

The drama opened with the arrival of a van—

GMA/ A5

RP youth among the most upbeat in region

By Stella O. Gonzales

ABOUT two-thirds of Filipino youths may not be happy most of the time but they are among the most optimistic in the Asia-Pacific region, according to a study by the United Nations Children's Fund.

The UN survey of 500 Filipinos aged 9-17 found that 43 percent of them were hopeful that they would enjoy a better life than their parents would.

The study commissioned by the Unicef office in East Asia and the Pacific, however, showed there were more youths from East Timor (57 percent) and China (48 percent) who were upbeat about their future.

The Philippine survey was part of a bigger survey of 10,000 youths in Australia, Cambodia, China, East Timor, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Burma, Papua New Guinea, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Results of the survey, "Speaking Out! Voices of Children and Adolescents in East Asia and the Pacific," were released last week.

The Inquirer earlier published a disturbing finding of the survey that only 34 percent of Filipino respondents said they were happy "most of the time. Sixty-four percent said they were happy "only sometimes."

Fifty-one percent of the youths surveyed in East Asia and the Pacific said they were happy most of the time.

The study indicated that the relative unhappiness of Filipino children and adolescents could be the result of their higher exposure to violence inside and outside the home compared to their regional counterparts.

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Poor hostages tend to get beheaded in Abuland

By Alexander M. Young and Julie Alipala-Inot
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The headless bodies of two Filipinos taken by the Abu Sayaff on June 11 from a plantation in Lantawan, Basilan, were found yesterday.

Lantawan Mayor Tahira Ismael told reporters that relatives had identified the bodies as those of Primitivo Falcasantos, chief of security of the Golden Harvest Corp., and Crisanto Suela, a plantation worker.

"The bandits are getting more ferocious. This should be stopped. They're killing innocent men," Ismael told the Inquirer in Filipino.

Less than 24 hours earlier, two other headless bodies were allegedly found in Tuburan, also in Basilan. No details were available.

Falcasantos and Suelo were among 15 workers taken by the bandit group that attacked and razed a chapel and a number of houses inside the Golden Harvest Plantation in Barangay Tairan in Lantawan.

Investigators of the Basilan Provincial Police Office said a group made up of members of the Special Forces and local police found the bodies in a forested area in Barangay Kabumbata, 6 kilometers from the Isabela City proper.

"They have no mercy. My brother was innocent," said Suela's weeping sister, Norma Baguio.

Falcasantos' daughter Joy begged for government assistance, saying the family had no money to bury him.

"We're a poor family. All of us, most especially my father, have been good to the Muslims. And this is what they do to us," Joy said in Filipino.

"Please help us. We don't have money even for his burial. We only have *kamote* to eat," she said.

Armed Forces spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan said the killers were "murderers masquerading as noble revolutionaries."

"As you can see, two innocent civilians were ruthlessly killed by the Abu Sayyaf terrorists, in addition to the two others from Palawan whom they killed, plus Mr. (Guillermo) Sobero, a US citizen," Adan said at a news conference in Zamboanga yesterday afternoon.

He was referring to hostages Armando Bayona and Sonny Dacquer, both workers of the Dos Palmas Resort and among the 20 taken from there on May 27, and Sobero, who, according to Abu Sayyaf spokesperson Abu Sabaya, had been beheaded.

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AFP scores: Abu intel chief nabbed

By Juliet L. Javellana and Julie Alipala-Inot
PDI Mindanao Bureau

MALACAÑANG yesterday announced what it called a "major breakthrough"—the arrest three days ago of Abdullah Yusuf alias Boy Iran, said to be a ranking leader of the Basilan faction of the Abu Sayyaf.

Rigoberto Tiglao, spokesperson for President Macapagal-Arroyo, said a P1-million reward for Yusuf's capture was posted in the old order of battle of the Armed Forces, but that the prize for the head of an Abu Sayyaf leader had since been raised to P5 million.

"We are happy to announce that a major breakthrough has been achieved by the intelligence service, especially the task force on intelligence in Basilan headed by Col. Victor Corpus," Tiglao said at a news briefing yesterday.

"We can disclose now that an Abu Sayyaf intelligence officer, Abdullah Yusuf alias Boy Iran alias Abdullah Mulu, was arrested three days ago. He has been in tactical interrogation for the past three days, and we believe that (his) arrest will allow us to finally dismantle the Abu Sayyaf network in Zamboanga and other urban centers, including Metro Manila," Tiglao said.

Tiglao could not give details except that Yusuf was arrested in Zamboanga City on a tip from civilians.

"We believe he is a ranking officer in charge of the urban networks of the Abu Sayyaf," Tiglao said, adding that Yusuf was the subject of warrants of arrest for kidnapping and murder.

According to Tiglao, Yusuf's arrest will help resolve the Abu Sayyaf hostage crisis.

"It will help very much, and again you have to bear with us, the report of the military an hour ago is that (the troops) are closing in (on the bandits) and contact will be (made) any time," he said at the 4 p.m. briefing.

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FACES mirror the horror at the sight of the headless remains *(See Page A17)* of Primitivo Falcasantos, chief of security of Golden Harvest Corp., and Crisanto Suela, a plantation worker. DENNIS SABANGAN

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ITO NA SANA ANG SIMULA NG KAPAYAPAAN!

GLIMMER OF PEACE

Mindanao folk hail truce

MINDANAOANS, whether government official, secessionist rebel or plain citizen, uniformly hailed a landmark ceasefire between the government and the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front that could bring a glimmer of peace to the war-weary South.

The accord, signed in Libya late Friday, would kick-start desperately needed economic development in Mindanao, said Eid Kabalu, the spokesman for the MILF which has been waging a 23-year armed rebellion seeking an independent Islamic state.

Kabalu said the agreement would "strengthen the peace process," with the Organization of Islamic Conference around to monitor it.

The government and the MILF signed late Friday a four-page document called the Tripoli Peace Agreement after three days of talks in Libya, in which they agreed to implement a four-year-old ceasefire agreement and water down the rebels' secession claim.

Libyan charity

The deal was brokered under the supervision of Seif al-Islam, who heads a Libyan charity foundation, and would allow hundreds of thousands of families displaced by the rebellion to return to their homes without fear of getting caught in crossfire.

In Davao City, Moner Bajunaid, a former member of an MILF committee on the peace process, reminded that there was an existing ceasefire agreement even before the signing of the accord.

"I would rather see the text first about that ceasefire," Bajunaid said in a telephone interview.

"But still we welcome the new development... it shows the goodwill of both parties in attaining peace," he said.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, a fierce critic of the MILF, also welcomed the accord.

'Welcome development'

"We are happy, at least they are progressing... any move that will ensure the cessation of hostilities in the area is a welcome development," Piñol said.

Fr. Robert Layson, the parish priest of Pikit, North Cotabato, whose main concern is the plight of evacuees displaced by the war, said he was "very happy" over the accord.

"The evacuees haven't returned to their homes. At least now they will not be afraid to return to their home, their lives will return to normal," Layson said.

With the agreement, the military is to pull its troops out of rebel strongholds it occupied last year following a massive assault ordered by then-President Joseph Estrada, Kabalu said.

"Part of the agreement is the introduction of economic development and so long as the military is there, the people will be hesitant to go back to their respective (homes) because the fear is always that trouble may erupt anytime," he said.

Genuine peace

In Cagayan de Oro City, Pastor Valentin Lorejo of the Philippine Independent Church, said he hoped to see genuine peace.

"We hope that our Muslim brothers will finally see the fruits of their struggle. We are hoping that the government will pursue the peace negotiations with the NDF and other legitimate groups demanding for peace in the land," Lorejo said.

Maj. Johnny Macanas, spokesperson of the Army's 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro, said he and his colleagues fully support the move of the government as it will surely pave the way for "(ending) the atrocities in Mindanao."

Antonio Santos, regional governor of the Metro Cotabato Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said a "permanent ceasefire" would certainly help perk up the economy and improve the living conditions in Mindanao.

"This is an answer to our prayers," Santos said.

"We've grown tired of war, we hope it (the peace accord) is enforced with sincerity," Oscar Tan Abing, president of the Cotabato Grocers Association, said.

Abing said the peace negotiators should also look into concluding" a disarmament plan for all Mindanaoans. A gunless Mindanao would ensure faster socio-economic growth." *Joselle Badilla, Ayan C. Mellejor, Grace Cantal-Albasin and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and AFP*

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RP faces stiff sanctions over money laundering

PARIS—Industrialized nations, in a fresh onslaught against money laundering, added six countries Friday to a blacklist and said they would punish Russia and others for failing to improve.

The inter-government Financial Action Task Force (FATF) said its list of money laundering havens would now include six new members: Egypt, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Burma (Myanmar) and Nigeria.

Three countries already on the list, Russia, the Philippines and the tiny Pacific island of Nauru, had also taken insufficient steps to fight the recycling of illicit gains, said an annual FATF report.

That judgment received a cool reception in Russia, which with the two others now faces the threat of sanctions that would make it an outcast in the business world.

Russian Finance Minister Alexi Kurdrin said it sent an "unpleasant signal."

But he said Moscow would "consider creating a body that would specialize in the fight against the legalization of illegally gained income," adding that a decision to this effect would probably be taken by President Vladimir Putin.

Russia held an anti-money laundering conference this month, after which Interior Minister Boris Gryzlov voiced hope it would be removed from the blacklist altogether during the FATF meeting.

Four others

Four other countries—the Bahamas, Caymans, Liechtenstein and Panama—were judged to have taken sufficient action to close money laundering loopholes and were taken off the list.

The revised list, drawn up during a meeting of FATF members in Paris, names 17 countries and territories.

The new members of the list of non-cooperative countries and territories were cited for various failings, including lack of proper legislation or supervision.

Burma "lacks a basic set of anti-money laundering provisions," the task force report said. In Indonesia, "money laundering is not presently a criminal offence."

The task force called for surveillance to be stepped up against Russia, the Philippines and Nauru, deemed to have made "inadequate progress" to fight money laundering.

Russia faced many obstacles in combating money laundering but the biggest was a lack of legislation, it said. Russia lacked comprehensive customer identification requirements and a system to report suspicious deals.

The task force threatened to bring in stringent measures to identify clients from the three countries and to launch tough scrutiny of their banks' applications to opening overseas bank branches.

Normal businesses

Normal businesses may also be warned that deals with those countries could involve money laundering, it said.

Counter measures would be begin in September to give the trio time to rectify the problems, said the task force.

"The FATF looks forward to adequate progress being made by Nauru, the Philippines and Russia so that the coming into force of the counter measures can be avoided," it said.

The task force sought to put the focus on the four countries that were removed from the list.

"We see that this initiative has triggered significant improvements in anti-money laundering systems throughout the world," said FATF president Joe Maria Roldan.

Liechtenstein, for example, had sharply increased anti-money laundering investigations and introduced a raft of legislation.

In the same vein, a report in Germany's Stern magazine said Thursday that Liechtenstein authorities believed they had found the trail of tens of millions of dollars the French oil company Elf-Aquitaine allegedly used for bribes in the purchase in 1992 of the Leuna refinery in the former East Germany. *AFP*

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RP tourism 'limping but not yet dead'

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—"Philippine tourism is limping, but it is not dead yet," said Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon who has announced plans to launch a $30-million advertising campaign to promote the country as if Dos Palmas and the Abu Sayyaf never happened.

Speaking before the tourism department's assembled regional directors at the Dos Palmas resort here, Gordon said the way to get back after a temporary lull in the industry is to promote the Philippines to the whole world just like other countries do when hit by crises.

"Promotion is the name of the game. How can we show them that we have a good movie if we don't bring them to the movie house?" Gordon said.

He challenged the regional directors to come up with attractive tour packages and effective advertising campaigns that would make tourism strictly business.

No more fiesta

He said the days of fiesta-like tourism where everything comes in cheap or free are long over.

Gordon chose Palawan as the venue for the first regional directors' meeting under his watch because to him, Dos Palmas and the province symbolize the future of Philippine tourism.

"The Abu Sayyaf is not the problem. The Abu Sayyaf can be eliminated in due time but Dos Palmas, Palawan, Baguio, Subic and all our tourist destinations will outlive these bandits. The Abu Sayyaf is a dreadful nuisance. We should focus on getting the industry back on its feet," he said.

He said the DOT's mission is to surpass the tourism arrivals of Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and other Asian neighbors.

New Olongapo

In a bid to make the country's cities more tourist-friendly, Gordon intends to replicate his transformation of the public transport industry of Olongapo City.

The former mayor of the Zambales city had color-coded the passenger jeepneys of Olongapo and is raring to do the same with Metro Manila's taxicabs and jeepneys.

"Taxi and jeepney drivers are representatives of the Filipino people when they come face to face with tourists. Their decorum would reflect so much on the Filipino character that they may either make or break the country's appeal to tourists," Gordon said.

He said public transport drivers should be made to understand that if there are more tourists, they will have bigger incomes.

Gordon will meet this week with officials of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board to discuss ways of improving driver courtesy and appearance.

"If we have courteous and smiling drivers instead of abusive cabbies, it would go a long way toward making our cities and streets more tourist-friendly and help in the government campaign to lure travelers," said Gordon. *Jofelle P. Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and Norman Bordadora, Metro Manila*

GIRDING FOR NEW SIEGE

People can sleep–Gloria

By Juliet L. Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday that despite her earlier warning of a destabilization plot against her administration, the people could still sleep soundly because government security forces stand ready to quell any disturbance during the arraignment of former President Joseph Estrada on Tuesday.

"That is one thing we can be proud of about our armed forces. So this week it will be business as usual. Let's leave it up to our PSG, Task Force Libra, our AFP and PNP to do the job of safeguarding our peace because they are battle-tested," the President said in her speech at the 103rd founding anniversary of the Presidential Security Group.

"Despite threats of massive rallies and another attempt to seize power, at least for me, because of the capability of the PSG, the Armed Forces and the national police, our civilians and businessmen can sleep soundly and we can continue with business as usual because we trust our soldiers and policemen to do their jobs," she said in Filipino.

The President made her remarks one day after disclosing that a repeat of the turmoil from April 25 to May 1 would be attempted on June 26 and 27, when Estrada faces arraignment on plunder charges.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said those behind the Edsa 3 and May 1 siege form the "main part" of the planned destabilization attempt next week. He did not elaborate.

Brig. Gen. Delfin N. Lorenzana, ground commander of Task Force Libra, said the elite, well-equipped and well-trained unit formed to fight coup attempts has been reactivated to respond to possible threats during Estrada's arraignment.

Task Force Libra received an award yesterday during the PSG rites for its role in defending the President and Malacañang during the May 1 siege by Estrada supporters.

On another front, militant groups yesterday warned that President Macapagal could end up as "the lady who cried destabilization" in the public's perception if she was not more cautious about divulging unconfirmed intelligence reports that would later turn out to be untrue.

The warning came after the President revealed to the media another intelligence report linking the opposition to yet another destabilization plot against her government.

The party-list group Partido ng Manggagawa said that after being compelled to apologize to a Chinese-Filipino family for linking them to a bogus kidnapping, the President should be wary about what she says to media.

The fisherfolk group Pamalakaya, on the other hand, dared Ms Macapagal to disclose details of the alleged destabilization plot, including the identities of the people behind it, otherwise, the group said, her statements would be viewed as being inimical to the Filipino people. *With Andrea Trinidad-Echavez*

Drilon: Sandigan bending over backwards for Erap

By Armand N. Nocum

SEN. Franklin Drilon, a former justice secretary, warned yesterday against the increasing tendency of the Sandiganbayan to "bend over backwards" for the Estradas who are facing plunder and other charges in court.

In a telephone interview with the INQUIRER, Drilon said this development was only reinforcing the perception that the anti-graft court was going soft on ousted President Joseph Estrada and his son, outgoing San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada.

"The Sandiganbayan is bending over backwards. This is not a good sign for the justice system," Drilon said.

Drilon was reacting to the recent decision of the Sandiganbayan granting the Estradas temporary hospital arrest and a five-day furlough for Jinggoy to wrap up his affairs and turn over the mayoralty to his brother, JV Ejercito.

Drilon said that it was also too much for Jinggoy to have asked that his five-day leave be extended to June 30.

Drilon said he did not agree that the younger Estrada deserved a furlough.

Mere paper work

"Turning the municipal government over to a new administration would only involve paper work and that could be done at the hospital," Drilon said.

Instead, the Sandiganbayan granted Jinggoy five days to effect the transfer of office at San Juan to JV.

The graft court, however, modified that order and required Jinggoy to return to the hospital by 5 p.m. each day after he broke conditions of the furlough by visiting his grandmother and laying a wreath at the statue of Jose Rizal in San Juan.

Drilon said it was right that the Sandiganbayan ordered Jinggoy back to the hospital at night.

He said it was already a bit much that Jinggoy was being accorded the same privileges as his father, who is a former head of state.

Double standard

"He (Jinggoy) is not similarly situated as his father so his confinement at Veterans was already a concession to them. Then we went one step further and allowed him a five-day leave to purportedly attend to his turnover. This is merely paperwork that could be done in the hospital premises," Drilon said.

He said these decisions of the Sandiganbayan will eat at the credibility of the Philippine justice system.

"Really, this is a double standard of justice that we are seeing," he said. "This strengthens the perception of the poor that there's a double standard of justice in the country."

The Estradas, through their lawyers, have been filing petition after motion in an apparent attempt to delay the trial of the deposed President and his son on plunder, graft and other charges involving illegal gambling payoffs and tobacco tax kickbacks.

Fund drive for jailed RP maid

ABU DHABI—The Philippines embassy in the United Arab Emirates has launched a campaign to raise the "blood money" for a jailed Filipina maid who killed her employer to fend off a drunken rape bid.

Ambassador Amable Aquiluz has appealed to Filipino groups and community leaders to help collect the 150,000 dirhams ($40,000) that would allow Mary Jane Ramos to walk free, Khaleej Times newspaper reported Saturday.

On May 30, an appeals court in the emirate of Ras al-Khaimah ruled she should serve two years in jail and be deported after paying the victim's family the diya, or blood money, as laid down by Islamic law.

Ramos, who was arrested in January 1999, has already served her time but is not being released until payment of the diya. *AFP*

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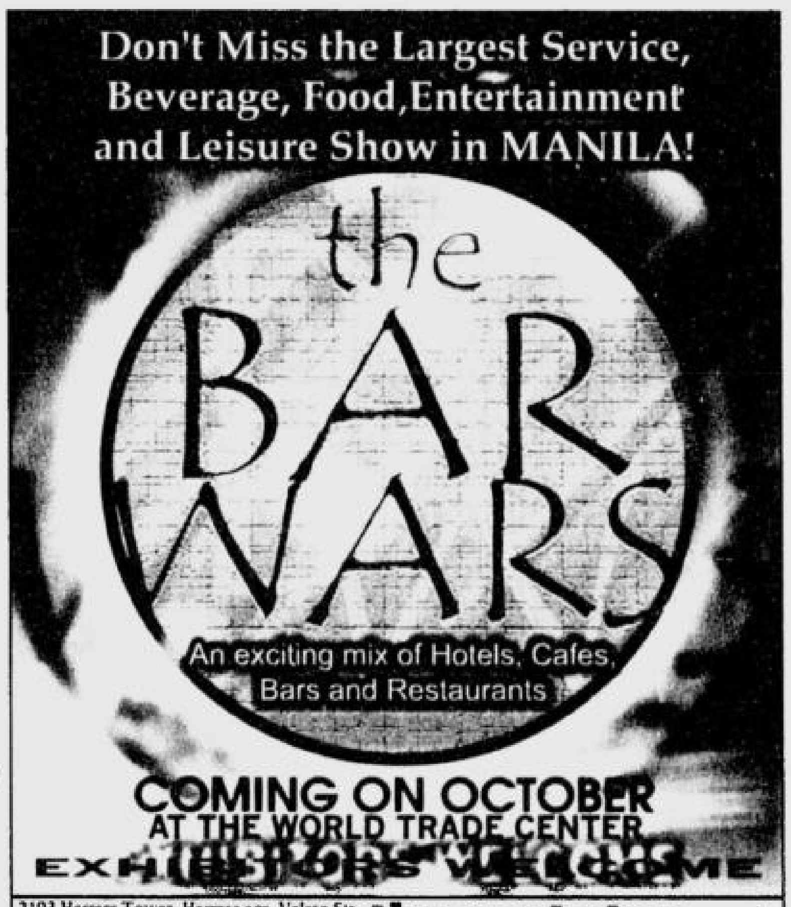
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Pinoy a pastor in NY

By Gerry T. Pagharion
PDI Visayas Bureau

ROXAS CITY—A native of Capiz is now the Pastor of the Archdiocese of New York in the United States, where he has served since 1977.

Rev. Erno B. Diaz was appointed Pastor of St. Malachy Church by Cardinal Edward Egan, Archbishop of New York. His appointment takes effect on Aug. 1, according to Jose Acebedo, a relative here of the priest.

Father Diaz, in his early 50s, is the son of the late Federico Diaz and the late Rosario Bolivar, both of Maayon town.

The priest is currently the parochial vicar of St. Peter's Church in New York. He also heads the archdiocesan Filipino Apostolate, a position he has been holding since 1995.

He is also the director of the Philippine Pastoral Center, the official headquarters of the Filipino community in New York, located on 62nd Street East in Manhattan.

Father Diaz went to New York in 1977. A graduate of Theology and Philosophy from the Central Seminary of the University of Sto. Tomas in Manila, he had taught at St. Pius X Seminary in Roxas City.

He was ordained priest in 1969 for the Diocese of Capiz where he received his early seminary training under now Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, then Father Sin and rector of the St. Pius X Seminary.

School execs probed over fees

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE EDUCATION department has started investigating the administrators of 53 Metro Manila public schools who allowed fees-collection during enrollment despite a department order prohibiting the practice.

Public school division heads have been instructed to look into the cases of 53 principals who allowed the teachers and parent-teacher-community associations (PTCAs) in their schools to collect fees.

Education Secretary Raul Roco last month issued DECS Order 22 banning any groups from making even legitimate collections or asking contributions from parents during the enrollment period to ease the financial worries of poor enrollees.

Some top education officials and principals refused to heed the order, however, saying it was almost impossible to implement and also impractical because public schools could not be maintained on the education budget alone.

The DECS has suspended regional directors Vic Tirol and Belen Magsino and two other provincial principals for "deliberately" ignoring Roco's order.

While Roco has ordered that all such collections be refunded, he also asked the parents not to seek the return of their money as this could result in more accounting problems for the schools.

He has, however, required PTCAs to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority or "other appropriate government agencies" to legitimize their collection activities.

Roco's DECS Order 26 advises the PTCAs to register so they would have a "legal personality" and be able to avail of the benefits for nonprofit groups helping public schools in the country.

He also said the PTCAs registration would allow the DECS and the school administrations to hold accountable a specific group for the collections they make from parents' voluntary contributions.

Among the schools that collected fees were Tala MLQ High School in Quezon City, which collected P950; Sta. Quiteria Elementary School in Caloocan, P455; Pio del Pilar High School in Makati, P465; and the Verdant High School in Las Piñas, P500.

The principals must submit a formal explanation or face administrative sanctions for insubordination.

They want my post, claims DAR chief

By Philip C. Tubeza

SECRETARY Hernani Braganza said yesterday the farmers' groups calling for his ouster only want to put their own man in at the Department of Agrarian Reform.

The DAR chief told reporters at a Sulo Hotel forum that he had been receiving "brickbats" from militant farmers who are only after his post.

"The problem is there is no end to their complaints. Are they afraid that we would succeed with agrarian reform and then no NGO (non-government organization) could claim ownership over Nani Braganza? That is why they want to see me out of office," Braganza said.

Braganza declined to name the farmers' groups he was alluding to, but he remarked that the country "has so many experts" on agrarian reform.

Farmers' groups had complained that Braganza, a member of the government peace panel meeting with the communist rebels, was devoting more time to the peace talks in Norway than to the numerous problems at DAR.

"That's the issue being raised against me by organizations that do not want CARP (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program) but who want to carp (get) my position," he said.

Braganza defended his involvement in the peace negotiations, saying that about 60 percent of the issues on the socio-economic reform agenda at the talks involved agrarian reform.

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'Gloria' arrives

Six motorcycles carrying members of the women's police service signaled the arrival of the black presidential Mercedes Benz, surrounded by PSG vehicles.

The crowd laughed and the President smiled as Corporal Jean Beltran, impersonating Ms Macapagal, alighted from the limousine and waved.

Beltran giggled as she was given a bouquet of flowers and led to a chair onstage. PSG members took up their posts around her, as well as on both sides of the stage and around the Benz.

More laughter greeted Beltran as she stood up to speak at the podium, even mimicking Ms Macapagal's hand gestures.

As she made the "speech," the voice of the real President, played from a recording of a news conference, urged the people to pray for hostages of the Abu Sayyaf.

While the "President" left the stage to shake hands with the crowd, there was a comic moment as a PSG "point man" walked toward the limousine, mistakenly thinking he was being followed by the actress.

As the "President" veered toward the left side of the stage to shake more hands, the alarmed point man quickly recovered his bearings and ran to catch up with his charge.

To the rescue

The comedy was abruptly disrupted by the first simulated grenade blast. "Bodies" lay on the ground.

With the emcee delivering an on-the-spot commentary, the "President" was whisked to the limousine. PSG units careened into position, firing guns or pointing them at the crowd.

The limousine swiftly moved out, but (as the emcee noted helpfully), there was a roadblock. The presidential driver backed off and sped to the right but a second explosion blocked his path. More bodies fell.

Just as it seemed like the "President," who was now in a back-up vehicle, was facing certain doom, an armed personnel carrier named "Limasawa" saved the day.

PSG members snatched "Ms Macapagal" from the car and shoved her into the APC.

The APC then loaded its precious cargo into a waiting helicopter, which flew away, signaling a happy ending to the drama.

Touched

"And because we love the President, we shall not hesitate to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the President," the emcee declared when all the excitement had died down.

The real Ms Macapagal appeared touched.

"It's so sweet to hear those words—that you love the President. My family and I love you and we are grateful to you," she said in a speech that followed.

She praised the PSG for their mock rescue, and noted that the taller and heavier Beltran was a good actress.

Ms Macapagal told the audience that her own make-up artist, Gener Miranda, was responsible for a big mole on Beltran's cheek.

She also laughed at how the PSG had labored to find a member with white hair to impersonate her senior military officer, Gen. Al Braganza.

Sentinels of freedom

PSG Commander Brig. Gen. Glenn Rabonza, in another speech, pledged the PSG's "loyalty and commitment to help you (Ms Macapagal) become a good President."

"We live in exciting and challenging times. As we face the challenges, your PSG, Madame President, will not only be your sentinels. We will be sentinels of our freedom and our way of life," Rabonza said.

"The capability demonstration you saw a while ago is a graphic portrayal of the PSG's skills and commitment to duty. It is no accident that in the performance of our duties, some of us will pay the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

Rabonza recalled how, during the May 1 attack by Estrada supporters on the Palace, the men and women of the PSG "helped ensure the survival of the Republic and the continuity of governance from Malacañang."

Top defense and security officials attended the program, as did former PSG commanders.

The President made a conciliatory gesture toward Gen. Rodulfo Diaz, a former head of the PSG who stood by Joseph Estrada's side up to the minute he left office through Malacañang's back door.

Ms Macapagal said what Diaz did was right because the sworn duty of the PSG commander is to protect the President. Diaz will reportedly be made vice commander of the Southern Command.

Awards

During the anniversary rites, Capt. Eugene Badua of the Philippine Army and SF04 Celso Fua of the Malacañang Fire Station received the Bronze Cross Medal for "acts of heroism and distinguished service rendered during the defense of Malacañang Palace complex on May 1."

Task Force Libra, represented by ground commander Brig. Gen. Delfin Lorenzana, was given a Certificate of Recognition for its "invaluable services rendered to the PSG during the May 1 incident."

The NBI also got a certificate for its help in the "Food and Beverage Security Training" of the PSG.

Nida Balolong, chairwoman of Barangay 830 Zone 90, was recognized for supporting the PSG's "clean and green" campaign.

A Bronze Cross Medal was awarded to Captain Fabian Mario Versoza for "acts of heroism and distinguished service rendered as team leader of the rescue team of the helicopter that crashed in the thickly forested mountains of Bokod, Benguet," in April.

Presidential citations and financial assistance were given to the fatalities and survivors of the ill-fated helicopter carrying an advance party to coordinate details of the President's visit to Ifugao on April 15.

Certificates of Merit were given to Captain Federico Tutaan as PSG officer of the year; PS/Insp. Reynaldo Acosta as PSG-PNP Officer of the Year; Sgt. Danilo Shea as PSG enlisted man of the year; Corporal Jean Barbon as PSG enlisted woman of the year; SPO3 Melchor Espero as PSG police non-commissioned officer of the year and Nacianceno Latoza, PSG model civilian employee of the year.

RP youth among the most upbeat in region

(From page A1)

Notwithstanding their tendency to be unhappy, Filipino youths have admirable traits.

For one, they are the most knowledgeable about basic hygiene in the region.

The UN study found that 73 percent of them knew a lot about basic hygiene compared to 70 percent of their counterparts in Australia.

Fifty-eight percent of Filipinos surveyed also said they knew "a lot" about the environment.

A significant number of them also looked up to their mothers and teachers as role models.

Asked to choose from of list of 12 possible answers, 30 percent of the Filipino respondents said they admired their mothers the most.

Seventeen percent picked actors and actresses, while only 14 percent chose their fathers.

The survey also showed that more Filipino youths had better relationships with their mothers than with their fathers.

Sixty-two percent of the respondents said they had a "very good" relationship with their mother while 55 percent said they had a "very good" relationship with their father.

From a regional perspective, only the youths in Thailand exceeded those in the Philippines in their admiration of mothers.

Thirty-five percent of Thai youths said they admired their mothers the most. Twenty-three percent, however, chose their fathers.

Mothers also topped the list of people admired most by the youths in Malaysia, Laos and Singapore.

In East Timor, Mongolia, Burma and South Korea, fathers were more admired than mothers were.

Parents, however, got lower scores in China, Macao, Hong Kong and Vietnam. Children and adolescents in these countries said they admired singers, actors or athletes more than their parents did.

Careers

Asked about their future career, 22 percent of the Filipino respondents said they wanted to be a teacher. Fourteen percent said they wanted to be an engineer; 12 percent, doctor; 7 percent, policeman; and 6 percent, nurse.

What do Filipino youths like to talk about with their friends?

Thirty-five percent of them said they liked to talk about teachers and lessons in school. Nineteen percent said they preferred to talk about the opposite sex; 12 percent, television games; 11 percent, television programs; and 8 percent, places they go to.

Sex, smoking

Regarding sex, 58 percent of the Filipino respondents said they knew "nothing" about the subject.

Fourteen percent said they knew "very little" about sex, 15 percent said they knew "some," and 7 percent said "a lot."

The UN study indicated there was cause for reason about smoking and drinking among Filipino youths.

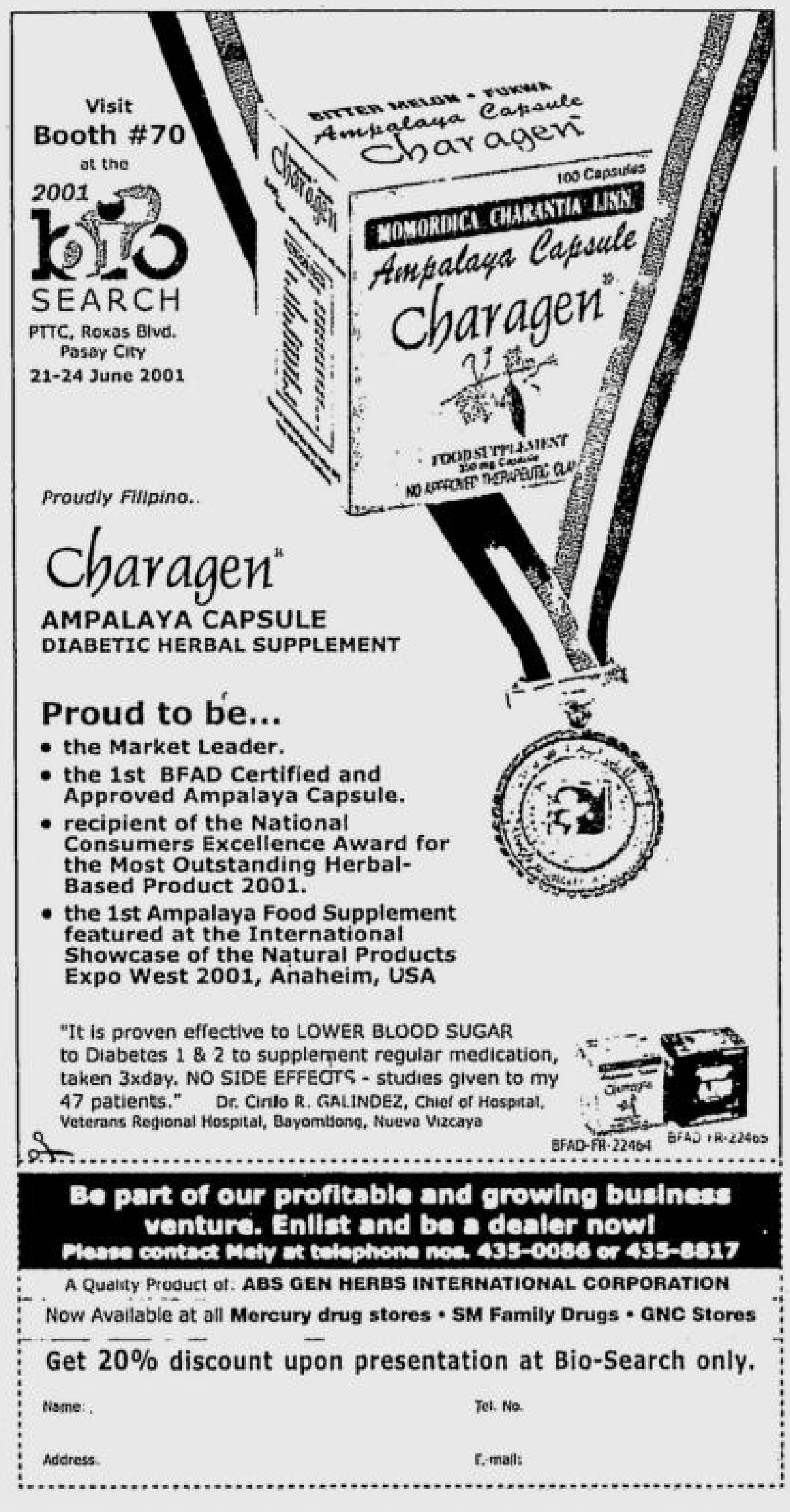
Forty-two percent of the respondents said some of their friends had tried smoking and that 20 percent of their friends were hooked on cigarettes.

Thirty-five percent said some of their friends had tried drinking and that 13 percent were now into alcohol.

The Unicef regional office commissioned the survey to give young people the opportunity to air their views and concerns on their governments, families and the public.

Respondents came were from urban and rural areas and low, middle and high socioeconomic backgrounds. The survey employed face-to-face interviews with the respondents in their homes, but without the presence of parents or other third parties that might influence their answers.

The survey is considered the most comprehensive among young people in the region with a sampling error of plus or minus 1.2 percent.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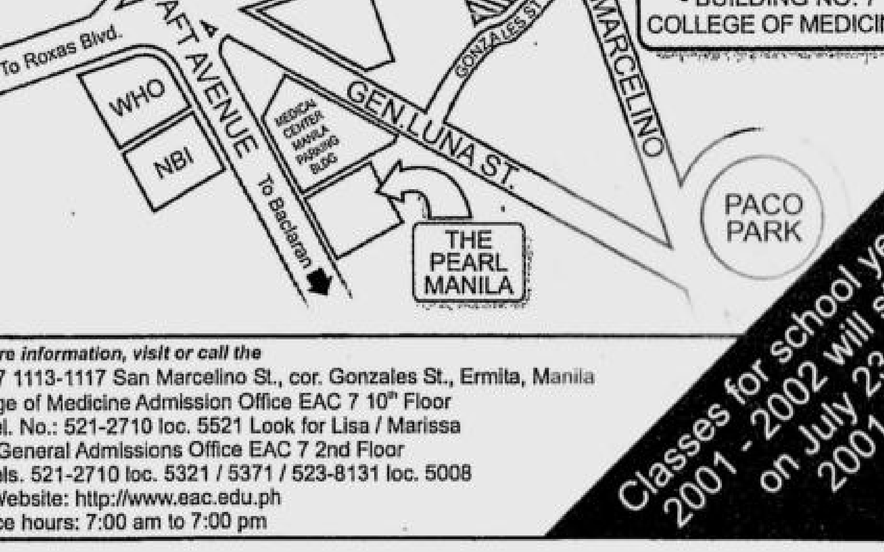

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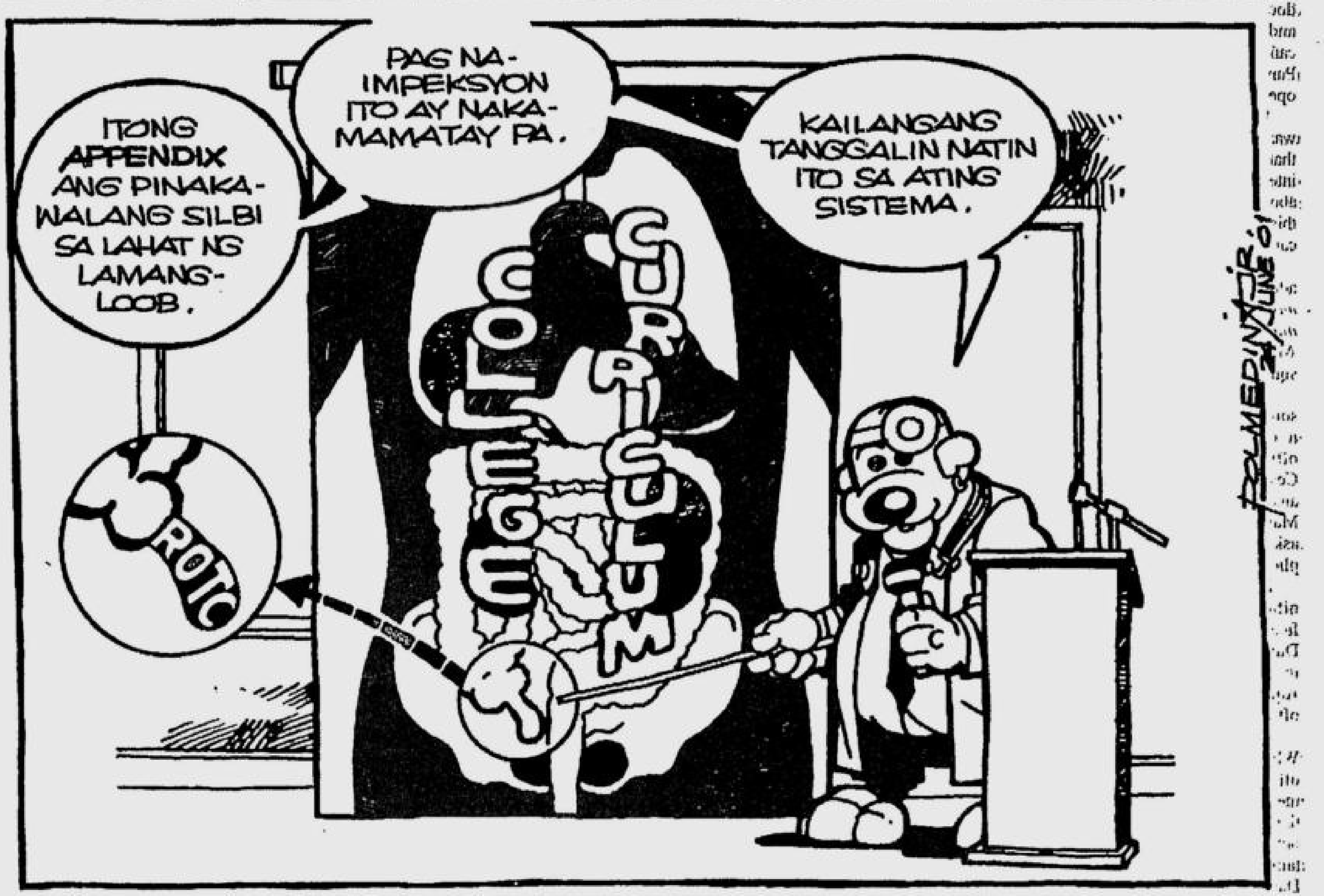
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EDITORIALS

THERE is something surprising about the lament by certain private education leaders. They criticize the education department for generously funding public schools and raising the teachers' salaries and allowances. The increased remuneration presumably has resulted in cutthroat competition for students and resources between public and private schools, with the latter on the losing side.

The complaint is astonishing because private schools have increased their tuition and are thus in a good position to improve their resources and increase the salaries of their teachers. Many of them say, of course, that the increases can barely tide them over. But they should look at the other side. What options are left to students and parents in the face of tuition increases?

Students and their parents have to make hard decisions. Can they afford the tuition raise? If not, they will have no choice but to go to another private school that charges lower tuition or enroll in free public school.

The economic crisis is driving parents and schoolchildren to public schools. Thus, we have the specter of a public school system perennially saddled with the three eternal verities of Philippine basic education: lack of classrooms, lack of textbooks, lack of teachers. (And some may add a fourth: lack of chalk.)

And so already bursting in the seams and severely undermanned, public schools have to absorb the exodus of students from private schools. The results are quite woeful. The ratio of classrooms to students remains miniscule. Slightly bigger is the ratio of teachers to students. The ones who remain and struggle in the system are veritable beasts of burden. If public school teachers are better paid than their private school counterparts, then it is only because they have to bear the brunt of an overheated system.

Part of the overheating is caused by private schools that are more concerned with the profit margin rather than education. Although it is true that everyone in private business is hurting, private schools have to reckon with the fallout from untrammeled tuition increases: a dampened enrollment rate and the nagging public perception that they have sold their conscience for commerce.

Conscience

HOWEVER, it may be true that some private schools, particularly the ones which deliver quality education, face the problem of survival. Some conscientious private schools know they cannot increase tuition uncontrollably without shooting themselves in the foot. In the end, market realities will prevail. The more expensive their services become, the less affordable they are.

It is also true that many private school teachers have been lured into public schools because of the higher wages state mentors receive. Standardization has benefited public school teachers. On the average, public school teachers are better off than their private counterparts when it comes to compensation.

Private schools also have to worry about quality education. Some complain that state regulations, some of which dictate where tuition increases will be allocated, are stifling initiatives to improve instruction and enhance excellence. They complain that in contrast, public schools are hardly audited for the quality of education they offer. And if they are, they are not penalized. To be sure, no public school has been shut down for poor performance.

The problems confronting public and private schools, many of them intertwined, pose a challenge to the Macapagal administration. Administrations in the past always made education a priority, which was rhetorically impressive but hardly believable, especially when reality was checked against promise.

As a bureaucracy, the education department is one plodding giant with the head reduced to filling spots and gaps, like reprimanding a regional director for using a staff car for private matters or instructing a principal to stop collecting unauthorized fees from students. It's a bureaucracy kept busy by petty matters.

The education department needs a boost—especially in terms of vision and initiative.

The depths of wickedness

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I'M probably the only columnist who has not written about the Abu Sayyaf, so here it is. It's pure evil. It ought to be wiped out down to its last vicious conscript. Its religious pretensions are hogwash. It has false political objectives. It is merely a bandit group trading on human lives and thriving on human misery. It does not deserve sympathy or mercy.

The leaders of the Abu Sayyaf are beasts of prey who are lower and more savage than wild animals. Wild animals that hunt for food may be forgiven their cruelty because it is in their nature to be beasts. They have no human sensitivities and kill only to survive. Men who murder as the Abu Sayyaf does are worse than jungle predators because they kill cruelly and for greed. They have no dogma to proclaim or passion to embrace. Their one and only cause is cash or death.

The adamant refusal of the government to ransom the Abu Sayyaf hostages has wide public support. It is a wise and forthright policy not to kowtow to criminals. Submitting to the demands of the bandits will only encourage them to kidnap more hostages and collect more ransom. There will be no end to the extortion. Worse, it will fatten the coffers of the Abu Sayyaf and enable it to purchase more munitions to resist the Republic.

The bandits reportedly have superior military equipment than the Armed Forces of the Philippines. This makes one wonder over their illicit suppliers. It is not unlikely that their rocket launchers and other sophisticated weapons were donated by some foreign governments that would exacerbate the unrest in Mindanao. If this be so, then there is the added danger of the Abu Sayyaf being indebted to—and loyal too—such governments.

In any event, such superiority in arms will further hinder the efforts of our government to eradicate the Abu Sayyaf once and for all. As it is now, it has the Armed Forces running around in circles. Some weeks ago, the military announced that the bandit group was surrounded and ready to surrender. The nation was assured that there was no way the outlaws could escape. But escape they did, soon enough and without much effort at that.

No wonder the bandits are mocking the government. They are gloating that the Armed Forces, with all their professional savvy and formidable armaments—are no match for them. The authorities gave all kinds of excuses—that civilians helped the bandits, that the lives of the hostages had to be protected, that the outlaws were better armed, etc. The important fact was that the Abu Sayyaf men—despite the military's claim that they were surrounded and could not escape—escaped.

I for one can understand why the relatives of some of the hostages decided to pay the demanded ransom despite the admonitions of the government. There is no question that they sabotaged that policy, but they felt they had no choice. The lives of their loves ones were at stake; the possibility of their being beheaded was not an empty threat. The bottom line to them was that they could not rely on the Armed Forces to deliver their relatives unharmed from the clutches of the outlaws. After all, for all its vaunted strength and strategy, the military has not rescued a single hostage to date.

I'm no armchair general and have no wish to carp, but I can't help wondering if the Armed Forces know what they're doing. There is such a mighty assemblage of army, navy, air force and marine troops—several battalions of them, according to the media—that is hunting the Abu Sayyaf down. But its mere 400 men are as fleet as the wind. Our soldiers could be like the US troops in Vietnam, vainly chasing the will-o'-the-wisp Vietcong in their familiar jungle terrain. It was in the end a futile fight.

An editorial of this paper correctly observed that the Abu Sayyaf has, by its depravity, succeeded in unifying the nation. Despite our disparate views on politics and the economy and social values, the Filipino people are one in their revulsion of the Abu Sayyaf. Even law-abiding Muslims are revolted by it. The Abu Sayyaf has embarrassed the Philippines in the world community and stigmatized our country as a nation of kidnappers and cutthroats.

It is deplorable how a small band of bandits can cause such unimaginable harm to our international image, destabilize our government and cripple our economy to the prejudice of every single Filipino. It is unbelievable that the rest of our 76 million citizens are helpless against the unchecked malevolence of this little group of arrogant outlaws who have so far evaded the vengeance of the law.

Meanwhile, the Abu Sayyaf continues to issue bulletins and communiqués like a separate government at war with the Republic. And the media, in their search for news and the compulsion to out-scoop each other, willingly give it space and time and undue publicity. The leaders of these outlaws are only too happy to take advantage of the free exposure. It gives them the opportunity to project themselves as apostles of whatever deadly creed they are espousing, and at no expense to them.

I respectfully suggest that the media should not allow themselves to be used to gratify the vanity of these supposed leaders. There should be a news blackout on their supercilious announcements and arrogant demands. The inordinate media attention they now receive could encourage them to commit more excesses that they expect to land them on the front pages or the idiot box. This is in effect glorifying reprobates of the blackest nature who have sunk to the lowest depths of wickedness to put an entire innocent nation to shame.

Trailblazers

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I RECEIVED two text messages from Bebeng Eleazar recently, which I would like to share with you, especially the husbands and wives out there.

Text 1: Husband is teary eyed and wife asks him what's wrong? Husband says, "Remember, 20 years ago when I got you pregnant, and your Dad said either I marry you or go to jail? Well, I was just computing, I would have been released today!"

Text 2: Husband is asked what is his gift to the wife on their 25th wedding anniversary. "I will bring her to Africa." And on their 50th wedding anniversary? "I will fetch her from Africa!"

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These two text messages speak of lack of commitment on the part of the persons involved, a big contrast to the person involved in today's solemnity, St. John the Baptist, whose commitment was solid. He was a trailblazer for the Lord, a prophet who proclaimed and served the Kingdom of God and, as a true prophet, experienced rejection, suffering and death by beheading. Yes, there are people who live lives that are full, beautiful, meaningful, love-full and God-full—trailblazers!

And there are people who live lives that are easy, empty and commitment-free—the trail gazers. They know what road to take, but they refuse to take it because of lack or want of commitment. We cannot go through life uncommitted. There must be something or someone greater than "I," "Me" and "Myself" in this life.

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Today's Gospel (Lk. 1: 57-66-80) speaks of God's plan and mission for every child that is born into this world. "Before I formed you in the womb, I know you; before you were born, I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jer.1,4)

How about those who were not allowed to be born? What if John the Baptist was aborted? We must not interfere with God's plan. We must not block the path of a child. Rather, we must blaze the trail, prepare the way and pave the road so that the child will grow in spirit, with the Lord, and for the Lord.

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With all your wealth and blessings, are you living a life that is empty, vain, meaningless and shallow? Maybe it is because you are not focused. Maybe it is because you lack commitment. Maybe it is because you have forgotten that we are just passing by. We are just pilgrims and not immigrants in this world. Maybe it is because we don't have the Lord in our lives. He alone can give us a life that is full and meaningful.

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Who we are and how we live our lives is a statement. John the Baptist's statement was, "Prepare the way of the Lord." What statement, what placard do you carry in life? The Greeks said, "Be wise." The Romans said, "Be strong." The Epicureans said, "Be sensuous." The materialists say, "Be acquisitive." The communists say, "Be collective." The text gen says, "Be informed." The yuppies are saying, "Be rich." How about you? What are you saying? What is your statement in life?

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Trailblazers are those who risk and are not afraid to leave their comfort zones. They answer a calling with a commitment. They are not afraid of saying goodbye if that is the call of the moment.

It was difficult for me to leave country and family when I took a mission assignment to South Korea as a missionary in 1984, but I did. It was hard, but not impossible. It was tough, but it was bearable, all because there was a commitment and a call.

Indeed, nothing is heavy if the heart is light. Nothing is cold if the heart is warm. It all goes back to the heart, for "It is only bodies that are separated, but hearts always remain united especially in Him for whom the sacrifice is made of leaving all that is dearest."

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Trailblazers are those who are open to new ways and possibilities. These are people who are not afraid to try out and pioneer in new ways of thinking and doing things.

We need trailblazers in the way we are practicing politics in our country today. We need a new breed of leaders, a new set of statesmen who go into government service out of commitment and not for business or investment purposes. I hope that in the not so distant future, hopefully in our lifetime, a new breed of men and women will rise and take the challenge of being trailblazers in our country.

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Trailblazing is also within. Is there any bad habit you need to leave behind? Any relationship you should cut, or any burden you should unload? Any bias you should discard? Trailblazing is a call for you and for me, at any moment of our lives. And don't forget: Jesus is the way, but you have to blaze your own trail to heaven. No one can do that for you.

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This column wishes to salute the teachers who blaze the trail for young hearts and minds. I accompanied my 79-year-old Mama to their Class 1941 reunion at the Philippine Normal University last Friday and I was so grateful and proud to be a son of a public school teacher who brought quality education to hundreds of elementary boys and girls in a remote barrio in Bani, Pangasinan. Teachers, continue to be trailblazers!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to be open and not be afraid to leave my comfort zone and familiar shores and answer your call. Amen.

Dacer's killers: who and why?

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

THE HAND-WRITTEN affidavit of Supt. Glenn Dumlao is like a map that leads us right on the very doorsteps of Bubby Dacer's killers. Who killed Dacer and why? In his affidavit Dumlao points to "Malacañang" as the mastermind, adding that then PNP Chief Panfilo Lacson knew from the very start about the operation to kill Dacer.

Dumlao knows what he is talking about because he was part of the operation to kill Dacer. Dumlao narrates that Senior Supt. Michael Ray Aquino instructed him to interrogate Dacer on the day of Dacer's abduction. At about 11 a.m. on Nov. 24, 2000, Aquino sent Dumlao this text message: "*Nakuha na si* Dacer, *paki* T.I. (tactical interrogation) *mo na.*"

When Dumlao went to personally see Aquino for additional instructions, Aquino told Dumlao: "*Itanong mo kung ano ang pinagusapan nila ni Presidente, tapos ano ang balak ng* opposition *lalo na si* FVR *at si* Almonte." It was not the first time that Aquino assigned Dumlao to Dacer's case.

According to Dumlao, the entire operation started some time in January 1999 when Aquino directed him to conduct a covert surveillance on the Manila Hotel office of Dacer. When Dumlao's boss, Senior Supt. Cesar Mancao, inquired about the operation, Aquino answered in Dumlao's presence: "*Okay na 'yan sa* Malacañang, *pinagusapan na 'yan.*" When Mancao asked if Lacson knew about the operation, Aquino replied: "*Sila na ang bahala sa 'kanya.*"

Later in the course of the surveillance on Dacer's office, Aquino instructed Dumlao to enter Dacer's office and take whatever documents he could find. When Dumlao failed to break into Dacer's office because of the presence of hotel surveillance cameras in the area, Aquino suggested to Dumlao to bomb or burn Dacer's office.

This part of Dumlao's narration is quite intriguing. What document was Aquino looking for in Dacer's office? Was Aquino trying to retrieve from Dacer documents that might link then President Joseph Estrada to the BW stock scam? When the BW stock scam broke out, BW's Dante Tan hired Dacer as PR man to contain the damage. It is possible that during this time Dacer came to know that Estrada had a substantial interest in BW. Dacer may even have come into possession of documents to prove Estrada's ownership of BW stocks.

We now know that a veritable paper trail exists showing that Estrada had a substantial interest in BW. One shocking document that has surfaced is a letter by Estrada's own lawyer, brazenly written on Malacañang letterhead and addressed to Tan, demanding the turnover to Estrada of BW stocks worth over P500 million. This document inextricably links Estrada to the BW stock scam.

The revelation of this document at that time, long before the impeachment trial, would have caused the same devastating and fatal blow on Estrada as Clarissa Ocampo's testimony on the Jose Velarde account. Now, the revelation of this document, if proven to be in Dacer's possession at the time he was killed, could establish the motive behind Dacer's killing.

The BW stock scam, which caused the near collapse of the Philippine stock market, had its genesis in Malacañang. Alice Reyes, Pagcor's chair at that time, testified at a Senate hearing that the grant of the on-line bingo franchise to BW Gaming and Amusement Corp. was pre-approved by Malacañang. Reyes made it clear that without Malacañang's approval, Pagcor would never have granted such franchise. The only valuable asset then of the publicly listed BW was its purported ownership of BW Gaming.

At that time the consensus in the legal community was that Pagcor had no power under its charter to grant a gambling franchise to a private entity. The power to grant a gambling franchise was clearly a legislative power belonging solely to Congress, unless delegated by Congress to an executive agency under express terms and clear standards. Pagcor sought the opinion of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel who inexplicably opined that Pagcor had the power to grant an on-line bingo license to BW Gaming. Incidentally, the government corporate counsel who gave this opinion was subsequently killed for still unknown reasons.

Without the on-line bingo franchise, BW would not have skyrocketed in the stock market. There would not have been a sexy story to sell to gullible investors. BW's only claim to fame then was its on-line bingo franchise, and this franchise was actually null and void from the very beginning. BW, following a plot hatched in Malacañang, deceived the public into buying shares in a gaming corporation that never had a valid gambling franchise.

In the recently decided jai-alai case, the Supreme Court explained the nature of a franchise: "A franchise thus emanates from a sovereign power and the grant is *inherently a legislative power*. It may, however, be derived indirectly from the state through an agency to which the power has been *clearly and validly delegated*. In such cases, Congress prescribes the *conditions* on which the grant of a franchise may be made."

The Supreme Court then went on to enumerate these conditions: "Thus, the *manner* of granting the franchise, *to whom* it may be granted, the *mode of conducting* the business, the *character and quality* of the service to be rendered and the *duty of the grantee* to the public in exercising the franchise are almost always defined in clear and unequivocal language." Pagcor's charter is completely devoid of these provisions.

But why did Malacañang direct Pagcor to grant BW Gaming an on-line bingo franchise? Was it because Estrada had a substantial interest in BW? Was Dacer in possession of documents to prove this? It is getting clearer now that the on-line bingo franchise, the BW stock scam, Dacer's cold-blooded murder and the impeachment case, are all part of a whirling mass of evidence with Estrada at the center of the vortex.

Lacson cannot escape responsibility for Dacer's killing because PAOCTF personnel under Lacson's direct command committed the crime. Aquino, Lacson's most trusted and loyal aide, headed the operation on Dacer. Both Aquino and Mancao told Dumlao that Lacson was duly informed of the operation.

Was the chief enforcer of the law of the land, then President Estrada, also the chief lawbreaker? Was the top police chief of the land, then PNP Chief Lacson, also the top criminal? Is this for reel or for real? One thing is certain—more shocking details of this gruesome crime are bound to surface. *Abangan.*

A city needs open spaces

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

TODAY is "Araw ng Maynila," the day the old city celebrates itself. For a group of nature lovers however, there isn't much to celebrate, and indeed so much to bemoan, in this city of our disaffection.

They're launching "Green People Power" today in a picnic to be held at the Orchidarium and Butterfly Pavilion in Rizal Park (across the National Museum) from 3 to 5 p.m. The picnic will mark the start of a campaign for a "Million Signatures to Save Mehan Gardens and Other Green Spaces in Manila." Everyone who wants to join the picnic is asked to bring at least 20 signatures of family, friends, colleagues and neighbors, with their addresses, on a petition.

If you can't make it this afternoon, just send the signatures to any of seven signature centers, including the NCCA (e-mail: info@ncca.gov.ph), the Heritage Conservation Society (heritage_ conservation@ egroups.com, fax no. 522-2497), and the Artists for the Environment (pg1@pworld. net.ph, fax no. 647-1256).

Mayor Lito Atienza, the butcher of Manila's heritage, has called those seeking to save Mehan Gardens "anti-poor." This because he plans to use a significant part of the more-than-a-century old park to construct the City College building, which will benefit poor students living in Manila. What Atienza neglects to mention, however, is that there are many other empty lots and abandoned buildings in Manila that could house the college. Mehan Gardens, one of the few remaining "green" and open public spaces left in Manila, doesn't have to be destroyed so that poor but deserving students could get a college education. But if only to assert his puerile authority, Atienza is willing to destroy it and leave Manila poorer than ever.

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IF Atienza thinks covering every square foot of his city in ugly concrete makes him an enlightened local executive, then perhaps he can learn a lesson or two from New York, the "Big Apple" that to many is the very symbol of urbanism.

On a recent visit to Manhattan, having spent an hour or so at an Upper West Side street fair, we decided to cut across Central Park on foot on our way to the Metropolitan Museum. After just a few minutes of walking, we found ourselves surrounded by tall trees and hedges, wide open expanses of grass and charming lagoons. New Yorkers swept by on roller blades and bikes, while under one tree, a group of mimes and clowns entertained guests at a children's party.

Pretty soon we came upon the famous baseball field, a large green oval where various groups were playing sandlot baseball, surrounded by pairs picnicking on blankets and pet owners throwing frisbees at their frisky dogs.

All this open space sat in the middle of what must be the world's most expensive real estate. But I bet that if New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani so much as even hinted at constructing a building in Central Park, he would raise public furor even more intense than the scandal his marital foibles have stirred.

Humongous Central Park, as well as numerous pocket parks around New York, are literally the city's "escape valve," locales that allow its stressed and harried citizens to unwind and blow off steam. In Manila, at the rate Atienza is tearing down historic structures and destroying parks, we can only expect life to get even more harsh and brutish.

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IF previous columns lent the impression that we did nothing during our trip to the United States but scour the malls and attend weddings and family affairs, I must tell you that we made time for culture, too. And not just America's consumerist culture, mind.

One memorable evening, my daughter Miya and I, hosted by my sister Chona, drove into Manhattan for a performance of the New York City Ballet in Lincoln Center. Miya had really dreamed about watching a performance of the American Ballet Theater, which focuses on a classical repertoire, but the neoclassical NYCB was far from a disappointment.

That evening, we sat enthralled for an evening program that included a one-act "Swan Lake" as interpreted by Balanchine, a new ballet by Miriam Mahdaviani called "Appalachia Waltz," and excerpts of "Firebird," choreographed by Balanchine and Robbins, highlighting luscious sets and costumes designed by Marc Chagall.

Miya most enjoyed "Appalachia Waltz," a playful, light-hearted ballet set to modern, jazzy music with touches of the rustic. I was a bit taken aback by the "black swan" corps of "Swan Lake," though I found the detour from the familiar most refreshing. "Firebird's" excerpts were too fleeting for a full appreciation, but the set design and costumes, especially in the finale, provided eye candy of the first caliber.

What I envied most, though, was finding the theater full, and it wasn't even a gala. Across the Center's courtyard, we were told, the ABT was also dancing before a packed crowd. New Yorkers really do love their ballet!

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THE NEXT evening, we found ourselves dressing up once more for a Broadway outing, to watch "Aida," the acclaimed and very popular musicale by Elton John and Tim Rice "inspired" by the Verdi opera.

It was a real outing, since there were 10 of us making our way from New Jersey to Manhattan and braving the chilly spring drizzle as we wended our way through the crowds in the theater district. But the hardships were well worth it. "Aida" is a real dazzler, no wonder it won all those Tony awards! Heather Headley, as the Nubian princess who falls in love with the Egyptian nobleman Radames (Adam Pascal), is really outstanding, her voice soaring all the way to the theater rafters.

Production values were excellent, too. I especially loved the sets at the "swimming pool" scene in Princess Amneris' (Taylor Dayne) dressing room, and the mini fashion-show of outlandish costumes as Amneris sings that "underwear is my strongest suit."

Romantic, moving and touched by humor, "Aida" is a real winner!

Government in the age of people power

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has warned against a repeat of the protest mass action that unfolded on April 25, 2001 and ended in the violent attack on Malacañang on the first day of May. She says the same conspirators who planned "Edsa III" might try it again on June 26-27, the days set aside for the arraignment of former President Joseph Estrada for the crime of plunder. She calls on the public to be vigilant and to help defend the government against those who are bent on destabilizing it.

The President's immediate problem is to show that her administration is worth defending. In the age of people power, this is no longer to be taken for granted by any regime, least of all by one thrust into position by direct popular action. The advent of people power has made mass popularity the principal standard of a government's acceptability. This is the downside of people power politics.

Despite her modernist wish to insulate government from the volatile pressures of populism, President Macapagal has had no choice in the last five months but to respond personally to the cacophony of threats from all sectors and levels of society. They include practically everyone with an issue who can brandish the sword of "civil society."

This reality has inclined her to want to be always where the action is, where the people are and to deal directly with problems as they come. She has taken on the Abu Sayyaf and matched its violence with doses of her own tough talk. Setting aside threats to personal safety, she flew to Basilan to order the immediate rehabilitation of the town of Lamitan after it was destroyed in the failed attempt to encircle the bandits there. She vowed to crush the conspirators who hatched "Edsa III." But seeing them as victims, she visited the ordinary folk who were arrested for their involvement in the siege on Malacañang and ordered their release.

This style of leadership has earned her some points as a hands-on, brave and caring President, but she must know that the real test of leadership rests not on these rituals of power but on the ability to put together a coherent and pragmatic program for long-term social change. We have yet to see this in the Macapagal administration. In her effort to win that segment of the people identified with Erap, she has often tried to sound and act like Erap. The country does not need another Erap; it demands a leader, not an actor.

It is good for the President to be accessible to various sectors of the public, but she must do so without appearing to undermine the very institutions and offices by which the complex business of government is conducted. We must now begin the process of strengthening our institutions, making them less personalistic and more professional, more stable and less susceptible to the whims of the powerful.

The successful handling of the threat posed by the mob at Mendiola on May Day showed the basic discipline and unity of the Armed Forces and the police. It also expressed the essential acceptance by the public of the new government, a fact that was unequivocally affirmed by the Supreme Court and reaffirmed by the results of the last elections. It is true there may still be some stragglers out there who are unable to accept the legitimacy and reality of the Edsa II transition, and are even now plotting some mischief against the government. But the government must not allow itself to be a hostage to these perennial threats. Neither should the government act as if it is permanently beholden to those who imagine themselves to be its primary defenders. It is time for Ms Macapagal to shed off her stance as a President under siege.

Certainly, this is not to say it should be business as usual for her. The events of the past few months would have told her that the nation expects nothing short of a paradigm shift in the way this country is to be run. The post-war regimes that embodied the project of the elite successors of the colonial powers are finally coming to an end. The social order they created can no longer sustain the mode of exploitation and exclusion to which the majority of the Filipino people have been subjected. The excluded masses demand equal opportunity for a better life. It is a legitimate and urgent demand that they are prepared to pursue in the realm of mass politics, even though its mode of articulation in "Edsa III" made it seem like it was nothing but the obsession of movie fans.

The aspirations of the *masa* who went to "Edsa III" are cut from the same fabric as the yearnings of the young people who formed the bulk of Edsa II. Their common dream is of a government that will equip them with the skills and the resources that will enable them to live hopeful and productive lives. The young people at Edsa II saw it as primarily a question of good governance; the poor at "Edsa III" saw it as mainly a question of social justice. In a society like ours, these two visions are necessarily inter-linked. You cannot have social justice without good governance, but, by the same token, you cannot call governance good if it excludes the vast majority who do not have the means to participate meaningfully in a market economy.

The President cannot afford to be seen as issuing a warning against the mass actions of the poor. They are the people and they have valid demands. Let her rebuild our institutions and secure the future especially of those presently without hope. She need not always be popular. She need not always lead the army against the enemies of government. But let her policies manifest social justice and let her govern by example. Then she would not need to worry about political survival.

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The revolutionary Left: Back to center stage?

(Conclusion)

COMMENTARY

Nathan Gilbert Quimpo

PEACE negotiations are another arena of political struggle, one that provides revolutionaries with the opportunity to reach out to foreign governments and international bodies and to gain some degree of international recognition. The NDF has never been able to achieve the same level of international recognition as the Moro National Liberation Front, which in the process of conducting peace talks with the Philippine government, got the support of the governments of many Islamic countries and even attained observer status in the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC). With the resumption of government-NDF peace talks, again in a foreign setting and under the auspices of a foreign government, the NDF has made modest gains in its "diplomatic struggle."

The Aguinaldo killing does not fall neatly into the Maoist framework and fits better into the Vietnamese "politico-military" framework. It was an **urban** partisan action, not exactly in furtherance of "encircling the cities from the countryside." More importantly, it was a profoundly political act, military in form, but political in content. It was carried out to drive home a political message: that the Philippine government has done nothing to punish even the worst torturers of the Marcos era. As a result of the Aguinaldo killing, the government has temporarily suspended talks with the NDF.

Non-armed popular uprising, electoral participation, peace negotiations, urban partisan warfare—all these go against the very grain of Maoist strategy. No amount of twisting and contorting by CPP leaders to make these appear as conforming to basic Maoist tenets would be convincing. They would only end up, to paraphrase a well-known politician, looking like contortionists.

While the NDs' political struggle has been making gains, their armed struggle remains at a low level. To be sure, there has been some recovery since the CPP split. But the level of guerrilla actions is still a far cry from the high point reached in the mid-1980s.

More worrisome for them, the prospects of progressing from guerrilla to regular warfare and from the strategic defensive to strategic stalemate are close to nil. To be able to engage in regular warfare, the NPA would need a regular and reliable source of arms and ammunition. But where will it get these? The two "socialist" countries that did attempt to ship arms to the NPA before, China and North Korea, are too preoccupied with their own internal problems, like building capitalism or feeding a starving population. The Soviet Union and other socialist regimes in Eastern Europe have fallen. Vietnam is anti-Maoist. Libya is trying to prove it is no rogue state. The Palestine Liberation Organization is in the thick of its own politico-military struggle. The Japanese Red Army has disintegrated. And even if the NPA does find a foreign source of arms, it still has to solve the problem of smuggling them into the country.

What is to be done?

In the months to come, the National Democrats (NDs) will have a difficult time trying to promote both the political and armed struggles and to ensure that the former is subordinate to and only serves the latter. The open mass movement, the electoral struggle and the work in Congress and local governance, and the peace negotiations will demand more and more attention from the CPP leadership, as well as more and more cadres, and divert these away from the armed struggle in the countryside. Fervent Maoists, especially among the fighters in the mountains, are bound to react to this and assert: "Armed struggle in the countryside is the principal form of struggle!" The fact that Sison heads a politburo that is not just outside the countryside but outside the country is bad enough.

Electoral participation and the peace negotiations are bound to raise expectations from the NDs' supporters and allies. The NDs' winning candidates will be expected to work closely with other progressives in doing battle with *trapos* and with the rule of "guns, goons and gold." They will have to guard against arrogant vanguardism for which Stalinists and Maoists are notorious. At the peace negotiations, the NDF is expected by many of its supporters and allies to strive to transform the political and military gains that the NDs have accumulated through the years into concrete political, economic and social reforms, and with these, forge a negotiated political settlement with the government.

The CPP leadership still views electoral participation and peace negotiations as merely tactics for the attainment of "total victory," primarily through military means. If this frame of thinking continues to hold among NDs, they are bound to suffer reverses in the electoral and diplomatic arenas. Elections and peace negotiations, which have to do with mandate and compromise, respectively, are incompatible with the idea of the "total victory" of a single party or force. Those currently fighting the *trapo*-dominated political system want it replaced by a genuine, pluralist democracy, not by a one-party dictatorship.

There is hardly any revolutionary movement in the Third World that has managed to sustain both the armed struggle and the electoral struggle simultaneously for a considerable period of time. In the West, the IRA-Sinn Fein and the ETA-Herri Batasuna have combined the armed and electoral struggles, but they have never managed to win more than a few seats in parliament (which they have not always assumed). Recently, the number of Sinn Fein's MPs doubled from two to four, but this came about well after the signing of a negotiated ceasefire.

The CPP leadership expects the new ND representatives in Congress and the NDF negotiators in the peace talks to parrot the party line. But they have to be exceptional parrots—no less than songbirds capable of turning the shrill Maoist jargon issued by the king hawk in Utrecht into more pleasing, diplomatic language. At the negotiating table, they will have to sound like doves of peace. Keeping the dove-like parrots at the negotiating table in line may not pose so much of a problem since the king bird watches over them with hawkish eyes as a "consultant" to the peace process. But the birds in Congress are far away so it will not be easy to monitor and micro-manage all their moves. If they start singing a different tune, expect the king hawk to give them a peck or two. And if they persist in their errant ways, then expect him to squawk and screech as he has so often done in the past: "Deviationists! Right opportunists! Counter-revolutionary renegades!"

If the NDs want to advance further, they should know that the way forward is first of all to stop kidding themselves and cast away all illusions that they have been "reaffirming" the basic doctrines of Maoism. Perhaps the next step would be to throw out that foreign-based, tin-pot "Great Leader" who has been dishing out all the Maoist claptrap. In continuing the revolutionary struggle, the NDs should become more "rejectionist" not just in their revolutionary strategy but also in their vision of an alternative society. Genuine socialism cannot be built through a one-party dictatorship but only through a democratic, pluralist and non-*trapo*-dominated society.

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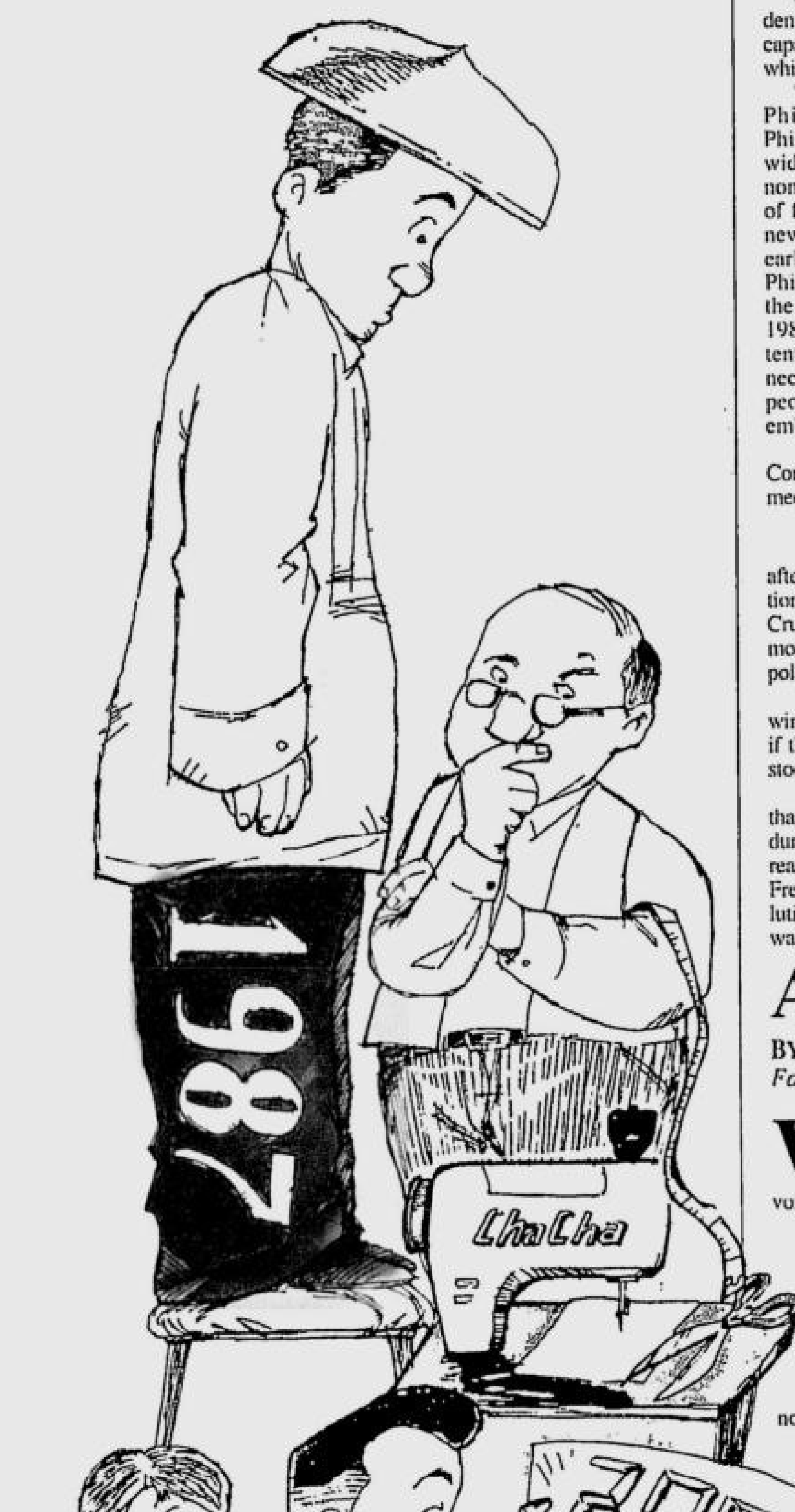
Is it finally time for charter change?

THE SEEDS of distrust that the very idea of charter change stirs in a skeptical people were sown long before Joseph Estrada discovered Concord or Fidel Ramos signed on with Pirma. They were planted during the Commonwealth years. Originally, the 1935 Constitution provided for a single six-year term for the President of the Commonwealth. That provision was soon amended, however, to allow the dominant Filipino political leader of the time, Manuel L. Quezon, a chance at re-election. The 1973 Constitution followed the pattern, creating a pseudo-parliamentary form of government that allowed Ferdinand Marcos, whose second term as President was to end in December 1973, the constitutional legitimacy he needed to stay in office. (As it turned out, he stayed for 12 more years.) Is it any wonder that, after Edsa 1, the two attempts to change the charter were met derisively, and decisively, by the people? But now that the incumbent President is qualified to run for election as President in her own right, being the first Vice President to succeed to the presidency since Carlos P. Garcia succeeded Ramon Magsaysay in 1957, are the political planets finally aligned?

Aside from the Gloria factor, two other issues are time-related: Is 15 years enough time to know what works in the Constitution? And do we need a new one for the 21st century?



A growing clamor that cannot be stopped

BY ATTY. CAMILO SABIO
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EARLY on, the Philippine Constitution Association (Philconsa) saw that the growing clamor for charter change could no longer be stopped. On January 18, 2000, at its regular monthly meeting, the Board of Governors of the Philconsa decided to initiate a nationwide movement for charter change through a non-partisan constitutional convention of freely elected delegates. The decision was approved at the regular membership meeting on March 14, 2000.

On March 2, 2000, former Vice President Salvador Laurel wrote me, in my capacity as Philconsa president, a letter which included the following:

"Please announce to our fellow Philconsans that I fully support Philconsa's move to launch a nationwide movement for the calling of a non-partisan constitutional convention of freely elected delegates to frame a new charter for our country. In fact, as early as 1988, in a speech before the Philconsa, I already called attention to the cardinal weakness that renders the 1987 Constitution perpetually impotent and urged Philconsa to initiate the necessary action towards giving our people a constitution that will truly embody their ideals."

The Movement for a Non-Partisan Constitutional Convention held its first meeting on April 29, 2000.

Foremost authority

As early as 1993, a mere six years after the ratification.of the 1987 Constitution, then Supreme Court Justice Isagani Cruz, a prominent professor and a foremost authority on constitutional law and political law, wrote:

"One wonders, given the long-windedness of the present Constitution, if the people had really read and understood it when they voted to ratify it.

"Even so, it should be remembered that, as its proponents repeatedly argued during the campaign for its ratification, its real and main function was to replace the Freedom Constitution, which was a revolutionary constitution, and so pave the way for stability and normality under a regular Constitution duly approved by the people. Now that that function has been more or less achieved, we may take a second more critical look at the Constitution of 1987, this time with a view to its amendment or revision under its article XVII, in a less tense and more amiable atmosphere."

Six years later, Justice Cruz stated in his column in the INQUIRER:

"The Constitution of 1987 was conceived in haste by a body hardly prepared for the task it discharged. There were a few impressive exceptions but the membership in general was not distinguished nor was it equal to their vital task. Significantly, all the commissioners were appointed by one person only and not chosen directly by the people.

"Public discussion of the proposed draft was largely uninformed and far from spirited. Opposition to it was disorganized and mostly sporadic. The Constitution was ratified not because of its merits but because the people wanted stability after the overthrow of the Marcos dictatorship and the disarray of the Edsa revolution. Many thought it was for the time being but not forever."

The 1997 People's Initiative for Reform, Modernization and Action (Pirma) during the Ramos administration and the Constitutional Correction and Development (Concord) initiative under the Estrada administration, though organized forms of expression, did not encompass the entirety of the clamor for charter change. In addition to the abolition of term limits for elective officials as proposed by Pirma and the deletion of the so-called nationalistic and protectionist provisions as proposed by Concord, fundamental and radical proposed changes are now gaining strength.

In March 2000, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. told Catholic bishops and Muslim ulamas meeting in Davao City that the adoption of a federal system of government could be the constitutional response to the aspirations of the Bangsa Moro people and the ultimate solution to the "Muslim problem."

In April 2000, two former members of the Aquino Cabinet made statements tending to support the need for charter change.

Former Secretary of Finance Jesus Estanislao: "We have often been reminded that we should not try to fix anything that is not broken. But there is so much around us that is broken that we need to concentrate on reforms and on fixing a whole lot of things.

"But reforms have been with us for many years. Since the Edsa revolution, we have been on the road towards reforms. But most of the reforms, while genuine and substantive, have been mainly in economics. The spirit of reforms still has to touch and burrow deeply into the realm of politics and civics. Indeed, much of the clamor heard today is against corruption, cronyism and nepotism arising from a political system that has not changed much for several decades. Furthermore, much of the gap that separate the rich and the poor remains, and it may even have widened in several areas.

"The simple reaction is to ask for similar reforms in our political and social system."

Former Press Secretary Teodoro C. Benigno: "I am deathly afraid all this talk about a Third Way or a Third Force will simply find its way to the scrap heap unless the many groups now discussing it unite, bang their brains together. And even if they should succeed, they will certainly need a new constitution to mirror the myriad complexities of the Third Millennium. Our politics is still in the horse-and-buggy stage, still stuck in the same old language, the same old reflexes, the same old patron and client relationship."

On May 10, 2000, Fr. Joaquin Bernas, S.J., a leading member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission and now for the second time Dean of the Ateneo Law School, wrote:

"The outbreak and intensification of the Mindanao conflict indicate that the present form of Mindanao autonomy does not adequately respond to a problem to which there are no easy answers. Certainly a military response alone will not do. The Muslim problem continues to gnaw at the body politic. Various nonmilitary formulas—from greater autonomy to federalism to independence—have been offered as a more adequate response. Some aspects of the various formulas will require constitutional amendment and all of them need to be studied more thoroughly."

Senate presidency

The leaders of the Senate are all moving for charter change. Three of the contenders for the Senate presidency—Pimentel, Franklin Drilon, and Edgardo Angara—are for it.

Sen. John Osmeña is reportedly forming a movement composed of several sectors that would push for amendment to the 1987 Constitution "to make it more responsive to the people's needs."

There is no doubt that the House of Representatives would go for charter change. As a matter of fact, among the first legislative measurers filed with the 11th Congress was one calling for a Constitutional Convention. There is every reason to believe that the House would go for a shift to a parliamentary form of government.

This growing clamor for charter change can no longer be stopped.

We have entered the 21st century. Yet our country is still backward in most ways. The mass of our people live in dire poverty.

Agence France Presse described the Philippine situation, thus: "A sense of cynicism and despair is creeping over the Philippines as the economy sours..."

This situation cannot go on. There must be change. And change must be made in our charter. For the charter is the framework within which our people could effect the political, economic and social change essential to achieve peace, unity and progress.

Sabio is also professor of Constitutional Law at the Ateneo de Manila Law School and a former candidate for the Senate. He was a delegate from Davao during the 1971 Constitutional Convention.

A new charter, for the Internet age

BY VICENTE ROMANO III
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WITH the growing clamor for charter change comes an increasingly strident dissenting voice against it.

Many Filipinos argue that, with the continuing crisis in Basilan and the crime wave in Metro Manila, the national debate that charter change will stir up will only dissipate the government's energy and resources, when these should be used to address more pressing concerns. And not only will charter change be a cause for distraction. Given our national passion for politics, it will also be divisive.

True. But we should not overlook issues with long-term impact even when there are exigencies that demand immediate and undivided attention. In governance, as in management, we must address both, for the sake of continuity and growth. As for our predisposition to argue anything political, I think it's one good reason to fix some of the glaring deficiencies in the 1987 Constitution; we will have fewer gray areas to argue about.

Others argue that charter change is an expensive exercise. It will use money that could otherwise be used for more important concerns—housing for the poor, education, other poverty alleviation programs. Then again, charter change may turn out to be more economical in the long run. For example, by extending the tenure of local officials from three to four or even six years, we can have fewer of the costly elections we see today.

Still others will say there is simply no need to change the Constitution. Whatever reforms may be necessary can simply be legislated. Besides, they say, more advanced nations have lived with far older charters.

Vision statement

A constitution is to a nation as a vision statement is to business. It embodies the aspirations of its stakeholders, which, in the case of a nation, are its people. Ideally, it should be forward-looking and timeless, able to survive the forces of change for the longest possible time. It should be defined in the broadest possible terms to accommodate changes in the people's views and values. At the same time, it should be clear and unambiguous in reflecting the true intent of its framers.

A decade ago, it was not unusual for businesses to live with 50-year or century-old vision statements. Change, then, was more incremental and more predictable. Today, of course, you cannot even plan five years forward. Three years ago, for example, who could have predicted the dotcom bust or the downturn in the technology sector that we face today?

Fifteen years ago, when our present Constitution was written, who could have predicted an Edsa 2 or even a failed Edsa 3? Who could have predicted that the Internet would be so accessible and text messaging so pervasive—and that they would play important roles in mobilizing people to support a cause?

Times have changed, rapidly and radically, thanks to technology. With it, we see sweeping changes in values, perceptions, and the way we do things. An eight-year-old child today may not be able to add or multiply even single-digit numbers, but he can recite to you the various model numbers and associated features of Nokia phones.

The challenges to a Third World nation like us are even more formidable. While we struggle not to be left out in the connected global community, we are, at the same time, confronted with the arduous task of checking, if not reversing, the widening digital divide in our nation.

That's why we need a new vision to bind us as a nation and guide us as a people. We need a new charter that is more responsive to the socio-economic and political realities of the day. We need a revamp, and not mere cosmetic reforms, to a 15-year-old charter that is already outdated, using Internet time.

Still, we need to answer the question: "What makes our Constitution patently different from others that it should warrant change, while other nations can live with far older charters and still succeed?'

For one thing, many of the provisions in our present charter were unduly influenced by the Marcos-phobic spirit prevalent at the time of its writing. The six-year single term for the presidency and the restrictive options available to the president in cases of national emergency are defensive manifestations to ensure that we do not see a repeat of the Marcos tyranny.

For another, 15 years is long enough for us to know what is good or bad for us. We saw how GMA's hand was shackled by the Constitution in dealing more decisively with the threat during Edsa 3, given the stringent restrictions in any exercise of emergency powers.

We know by now that three years is too short a term for local office. In fact, it's useless to even file an electoral protest at the local level. Even if you win, there's probably little or no time left for you to hold office, at the rate electoral disputes are resolved in this country.

We also know by now that a multi-party system will always produce a President that does not have the full mandate of the people. Even the popular Erap garnered only about 40 percent of the vote. It would be very difficult for any president to unite a nation when only a minority of its citizenry put him in office. It's time we consider reverting to the two-party system or use a run-off arrangement to install a President with a majority mandate.

Bloodless revolutions

Ours is a fragile democracy, coming as we do from two revolutions—bloodless as they may be—in a span of 15 years. Thus, the political blocs and power brokers can often find loopholes and remedies to interpret the Constitution according to their vested interests. We need to plug those loopholes in favor of the people.

Finally (and this to me is the most compelling argument), we are presented with a rare, and perhaps singular, opportunity. Given our culture of mistrust, any initiative to change the charter, in the past or in the future, is or will be construed as self-serving and designed to extend the term of the incumbent. Not in the case of GMA. She is qualified to run for re-election, and she cannot be accused of any self-serving motive. I don't foresee the same providential opportunity coming our way for a long time.

Is it time for charter change? I think it's now or never.

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Talking points

THE POSITION paper written by Atty. Sabio ended with a ringing endorsement for charter change from possibly the best possible authority on constitution-making. The eminent nationalist Claro M. Recto was president of the 1934 Constitutional Convention. In 1952, he cautioned against treating the charter as something sacred, "an idol under strict taboos." The Constitution, he said, is "expressly devoted to the principle that it is neither inviolable nor permanent."

This conclusion was edited out, however, because there was no real need for it. The national debate over amending the Constitution is not about whether we can change it; that's already a given, something even a famously contentious people can agree on. The question is: What should be changed? And, more to the point, is now the right time to effect the changes?

But Sabio's use of the Recto quote is all of a piece, because his argument is essentially based on an **appeal to authority.** Retired Justice Isagani Cruz, for instance, is an effective choice: a legal luminary with the right libertarian credentials (no ulterior motives there) and a reputation for independent-mindedness (no mere me-too opinion-maker here).

[Appeals to authority are fallacious only when the authority cited is an inappropriate choice.]

Where Sabio is content to gather evidence of the "growing clamor" for charter change (he attempts to prove it simply by describing it), Mr. Romano raises many of the common objections against changing the Constitution (the argument about distraction is a particularly potent one), before proceeding to offer his own arguments in favor.

He is perhaps most effective in his **argument from analogy:** He uses the idea of a corporation to derive a powerful metaphor: the Constitution as a corporate vision statement. One of the devices for strengthening any argument from analogy (which is really an argument from probability) is to increase the number of entities in common, the points of comparison. In this case, Romano offers at least four similarities between a corporation's vision statement and a nation's charter. In the context of an argument of a thousand words, this comparison is definitely on solid ground.

What may be the best argument for charter change at this time, however, is only hinted at in Sabio's discussion: it occupies pride of place in Romano's article. What he calls the "most compelling argument" is an argument from circumstance: GMA is already qualified to run in 2004.–*J. Nery*

The WORLD

US forces in Gulf scramble after terrorist threat

WASHINGTON—In response to a terrorist threat, a Marine Corps contingent in Jordan cut short its training session and returned to its ships, while the US 5th Fleet sent its ships out of port in Bahrain.

American military forces throughout the Persian Gulf were put on a heightened state of alert Friday as a precaution, although the threat picked up by US intelligence agencies was not specific about an intended target, according to US officials who discussed the matter on condition they not be identified.

One official said the threat was against Americans but not necessarily the US military. Another official said the intelligence warning suggested that a terrorist attack was imminent.

The State Department issued a "worldwide caution" urging US citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance abroad. It said the US government has learned that American citizens and interests abroad may be at risk of a terrorist attack from extremist groups.

The statement was issued a day after 13 Saudis and one Lebanese were indicted by a US grand jury in the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia in 1996. Nineteen US Air Force members were killed in the attack. Monday is the fifth anniversary of the blast.

In its announcement Friday, the State Department noted that it had said in an alert issued last month that American citizens may be the target of a terrorist threat from extremist groups with links to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and his Al-Qaida organization.

The statement noted that in the past, Bin Laden and his allies have not distinguished between official and civilian targets.

"US government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert," it said.

In response to the latest terrorist threat, several Navy minesweeping ships were ordered out of port in Bahrain, headquarters for the US 5th Fleet that patrols the Persian Gulf area. The aircraft carrier Constellation and its battle group were already at sea, officials said.

Other security measures also were taken, but the officials would not disclose details.

The level of security—known as the "threatcon," for threat condition—for US forces in the Middle East was raised a notch, the officials said.

A contingent of Marines operating as an Amphibious Ready Group cut short its training in Jordan, the officials said. The members of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Pendleton, California, were being taken back aboard their three vessels, led by the USS Boxer, an amphibious assault ship. *AP*

51 killed as India train jumps tracks, 6 cars fall into river

PALGHAT, India—As many as 51 people were killed and 288 people were injured after six cars of a passenger train derailed and three of them plunged into a river in the southern Indian state of Kerala, a government official said Saturday.

A dozen naval divers scoured a muddy river bottom for more bodies as the rescue effort continued throughout Friday night, Vishwanath Singh, deputy collector of Kozhikode district, said.

Press Trust of India news agency said 37 bodies already have been identified by the relatives of the victims.

Local villagers in boats helped police and fire department workers to pull out passengers from the partially submerged cars.

Thousands of others stood along the banks of the river to watch the rescue efforts, carried out by flashlight.

Three cars of the Mangalore-Chennai Mail fell more than 33 meters into the Kadalundi between the towns of Parappanangadi and Kozhikode on Friday as the train was passing over a bridge, local officials said. One of the cars was reserved for women.

Three other cars derailed and were hanging from the 365-meter long bridge that spanned the river at the point where it flowed into the Arabian Sea.

The Indian Express newspaper quoted railroad officials as saying that one of the piers of the 240-meter-long bridge on the Kadalundi river broke, causing the coupling to break which led to derailment of six coaches.

Singh said the three cars that fell into the river were only partially submerged and that the water was not very deep at the accident site.

Railroad officials in Palghat said more than 200 passengers have been hospitalized, mainly with head injuries.

Most of the injured were being treated in Kozhikode, a town about 20 km from the accident site. Kozhikode is 1,400 km south of New Delhi.

The train was headed to the southern Indian city of Madras from the southwestern port city of Mangalore. *AP*

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Ibalois awarded Marcos land

BY JOYA SANTOS-DOCTOR
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

TUBA, Benguet—It is a great day for the Ibalois in this part of Benguet.

The Ibalois in Barangay Taloy Sur won a four-year legal battle against the Philippine Tourism Authority over the controversial Marcos Park, home of the concrete bust of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos built during the martial law years.

The regional trial court of Benguet ruled that the PTA has no title over a contested six-hectare Ibaloi land and castigated the tourism agency for grabbing the land during the Marcos regime.

The ownership tussle started in 1997 when the PTA sought to recover six hectares of Ibaloi land where it built a golf course, a tennis court, a clubhouse and a restaurant along the Marcos Highway.

The area is part of a 300-hectare disputed land claimed by the PTA but owned by the Ibalois as part of their ancestral domain.

In a 10-page decision, Judge Nelsonida Ulat-Marrero of the RTC Branch 10 in La Trinidad town said the PTA has no right to claim ownership over the disputed land because it acquired the property by force.

The court issued the decision on April 23 but it was released to the media only on Friday after the PTA was furnished a copy.

The Ibalois, represented by elder Ino Kinomis, had proven to the court that they never sold their land but were forcibly driven out by the PTA in the 1970s.

The PTA, however, is unfazed by the court decision ordering it to vacate the contested land.

PTA officials on Friday filed an appeal contesting the court's decision.

Forced sale

Kinomis said the Ibaloi families were driven out of their land by four bulldozers and at least 30 armed men in military uniform. He said the men arrived at their village aboard helicopters and military vehicles.

The Ibalois told the court that sometime in 1976, the PTA called for a meeting at the Palina Elementary School here. They said PTA personnel brought out typewriters and mimeographed Deeds of Sale and asked them to sign the documents.

Those who could not write were asked to put their thumb marks on the documents.

The residents said they were forced to do so because they were scared as martial law was in effect.

Kinomis told the court that during the meeting, he was forced to put his thumb mark on a document after a soldier grabbed his thumb and forced it on the document.

He said the contents of the document were never explained to him. Instead, he was given a piece of paper instructing him to bring this to an office in Agoo, La Union.

In exchange for the paper, Kinomis said he received P16,000, supposedly as payment for the six hectares of land he owned.

Bulldozers

"As testified by the defendants, their shacks and gardens were destroyed by the bulldozers despite their (protests). Of course, no one could have been brave enough to fight those armed men in uniform especially that it was then the height of martial law," the decision read.

Marrero said the alleged sale entered into by Kinomis and then PTA representative Bernardo Vergara is void because it did not pass through the chair of the Commission on National Integration as required by law.

The CNI later became the Presidential Assistant on National Minorities, then the Office of Northern Cultural Communities, and then the present National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

"The approving office in 1976 was the Panamin but that agency was never involved or acted or intervened in the alleged sale entered into by the defendant (Kinomis) who is an unlettered member of a cultural minority," the decision read.

The court added that the Deed of Sale was in English, a language not understood by the Ibalois then. The contents of the document were not explained to the Ibalois, who were then unschooled.

"Clearly then, the contract entered into by the PTA through Bernardo Vergara and Ino Kinomis cannot be considered valid between the PTA and Ino Kinomis or even between Ino Kinomis and Bernardo Vergara," the court said.

Vergara, a former PTA general manager, became a three-term Baguio congressman. He won as Baguio City mayor during the May 14 elections.

The Ibalois' land in Barangay Taloy Sur was taken by the PTA, then represented by Vergara, to create a tourism complex featuring the busts of Philippine presidents similar to the Great Stone Faces on Mt. Rushmore in the United States, a golf course, clubhouse, restaurants, camp site and picnic grounds. The site was also planned to host a botanical and zoological garden, aviary and riding and trekking trails.

"The intent of the PTA may be laudable and the project would have been a very nice place to relax. However, the beautiful vision, even if it would have been completed and existing right now, could not be a good sight to all men with good conscience when taking into consideration the manner how it started," Marrero said.

Negros Or. health execs raise dengue fever alert

BY ROMY G. AMARADO
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—Health authorities here have raised an alarm over the rise in the number of dengue fever cases in Negros Oriental.

The disease has claimed the lives of three persons since late last month in Bayawan City and the towns of Siaton and Mabinay, according to provincial health officer Felimon Flores.

Flores said that between late May and June 21, 118 cases of dengue fever in the province were reported in his office. The figure included those reported from January to April.

The number surged in late May as the rainy season began.

The current number of dengue cases was higher than that recorded over the same period last year, Flores said, although he did not say how many cases were reported in 2000.

Flores said he was more concerned that the number of dengue cases here might still rise because of medical findings that the disease breaks out every three years in the place where an epidemic had occurred.

In 1996, about 20 persons died of dengue fever and more than 1,000 were hospitalized in Negros Oriental.

During that time, only a few cases were recorded during the first half of the year, but the number rapidly spread and reached its peak in August and September.

Flores urged the people to sustain efforts in promoting environmental sanitation to prevent a repeat of the 1996 outbreak.

He explained that cleaning the surroundings was still the most effective way of preventing the spread of the disease.

He underscored the need to empty containers or canals of stagnant water as these are breeding places of mosquitoes that carry the dengue virus.

'Feast of the Forests' held

BY RUELLE ALBERT D. CASTRO
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Residents and guests of this city gathered again yesterday in Sitio Magarwak, Barangay Sta. Lourdes, and joined the tree-planting and merrymaking in the annual *Pista Y ang Kagueban* (Feast of the Forests) celebration.

For 11 years, the event has been transformed into a tourist-drawing activity, like the *Sinulog* of Cebu, the *Maskarra* of Bacolod and the *Ati-atihan* of Aklan, although it is more focused on environment.

The activity aimed to reforest 20 hectares of a part of a mountain that used to be a mercury-mining site in Sta. Lourdes.

More than 100,000 seedlings were prepared for the activity.

Since the program was started, 135.5 hectares of denuded forest here have been reforested, bringing honors to the city, including the Hall of Fame for environmental program.

Mayor Edward Hagedorn said the activity promotes peace and unity among all sectors of society.

"In the midst of the many problems that the country (now) faces, we (targeted) this year's *Pista Y ang Kagueban* (to) be particularly successful not only in an environmental sense, but more so in promoting peace and unity among all sectors of our society. As Mother Earth is the one commonality that we all share in, we hope that this pro-nature activity will become an instrument in solidifying our society," Hagedorn said.

The outgoing mayor also expressed hope that the activity will be continued by the incoming administration.

He called on the people's support for the success of the future *Pista Y ang Kagueban*.

The *Pista Y ang Kagueban* is regularly participated by various groups, especially environmentally concerned groups.

N. Ecija observes 'Taong Putik' rites

BY ANSELMO ROQUE
PDI Central Luzon Desk

ALIAGA, Nueva Ecija—Today, Rodolfo U., a government official, will cover his body with mud and enrobe himself in a garment of vines and leaves.

At 4 a.m., he will walk along the road of Barangay Bibiclat to do his "*Pagsa*-San Juan," a yearly ritual.

He will momentarily stop in front of the many houses along the way and ask for alms. He will then proceed to the barangay's Catholic chapel and attend a 6 a.m. Mass.

Rodolfo U. will be among the hundreds of Novo Ecijanos who will do the ritual, a highlight of the feast day of San Juan and Bibiclat's village fiesta.

Elsewhere in the country, the feast day of St. John the Baptist is marked by joyful splashing of water to passersby or unsuspecting "victims."

It is only in Bibiclat where the day is marked by that ritual, which, because of the singular garb of the participants, came to be known as "Taong Putik Festival." Participants say they get "unexplainable feelings" on the practice of applying cakes of mud all over their body and wearing the unique garment.

It is their way of showing devotion to the patron saint and carrying out a vow for favors received.

The mud and the vines and leaves, which were prepared into a sort of garment a day before the feast day, are meant to approximate St. John's beggarly appearance.

The devotees consider the mud and the dress of vines and leaves as spiritual and mythical representation.

They serve as "humble bridges" that express gratitude for freeing them from problems or healing them of incurable ailments, or favors granted after devout prayers or for a good harvest, flourishing business and others.

It is not clear when the *Pagsa-San Juan* or the Taong Putik Festival in Bibiclat has started. What is clear is that the residents of the place believed that their patron saint has brought miracles to the place and many of its residents.

A popular story was the deliverance from death of many of the male residents about to be executed by Japanese soldiers during World War II in retaliation for the death of 13 Japanese soldiers.

The sudden change from sunny to rainy weather that day made the soldiers change their minds and set the prisoners free. The "miracle" was attributed to the patron saint.

Another story was the clearing of the place of deadly snakes during the early days when the settlers, who were from Ilocos Sur, came to the place sometime in the 1870s.

They believed that their patron saint, whose intervention they sought, helped them in their problem.

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ROUNDUP

Police exec suspended

TACLOBAN CITY—Supt. Danilo Flordeliza, head of staff of the Philippine National Police director in Eastern Visayas, and former Samar police director, was suspended for six months starting June in connection with a hit-and-run case that injured an elderly woman in January. Director General Leandro Mendoza, PNP chief, directed Senior Supt. Nardito Yoro, PNP regional director, to implement Flordeliza's suspension as ordered by the Office of the Ombudsman. The order came after Teodoro Dacaynos charged him with reckless imprudence resulting in physical injuries.
Cynthia Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau

Suspected rapist nabbed

ARAYAT, Pampanga—Police on Wednesday arrested a suspect in the June 16 rape-murder of a 7-year-old girl inside the Mt. Arayat National Park in Barangay San Juan Baño here. Police said the suspect, identified as Roy de la Cruz, alias "Bororoy," was arrested inside a hut at the foot of Arayat. Villagers discovered the half-naked body of the victim inside the park on June 17. *Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Watershed project

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources launched a P745-million integrated watershed management project in Itogon, Benguet to address fears by residents of the possible destruction of the town's watershed area due to the San Roque dam project. Guillermo Fianza, project manager, said the watershed project would be undertaken for four years and would include livelihood projects for the affected communities.
Kira Espino, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Cop shoots cop

ILAGAN, Isabela—A policeman was arrested Monday night when he shot and wounded another policeman after an argument over a card game inside a police substation in Barangay Marana 1st here. Senior Supt. James Andres Melad, Isabela police director, placed SPO3 Antonio Gabriel, anti-vice section chief of the substation, under technical arrest for shooting and wounding SPO4 Domingo Taccad, intelligence section chief. Reports said Taccad accused Gabriel of cheating in a *tong-its* game. Irked by the accusation, Gabriel drew his .45 cal. gun and shot Taccad.
Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Militiaman killed

COTABATO CITY—A militiaman was killed in an ambush Tuesday by suspected Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels in Upi, Maguindanao. Maj. Julieto Ando, 6th Infantry Division spokesperson, said Lacson Usi and George Ulio, members of the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit, were heading for home when they were attacked by 14 armed men. Usi was killed while Ulio managed to escape and reported the ambush to a nearby military detachment.
Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Marijuana uprooted

COTABATO CITY—Government troops on Wednesday uprooted some P1 million worth of marijuana plants in a remote village of Pikit, North Cotabato. Civilians tipped off soldiers of the Army's 40th Infantry Battalion on the existence of the marijuana plantation, according to Maj. Julieto Ando, 6th Infantry Division spokesperson. The plantation was found in a forested area in Barangay Balatikan.
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Fish dealer killed

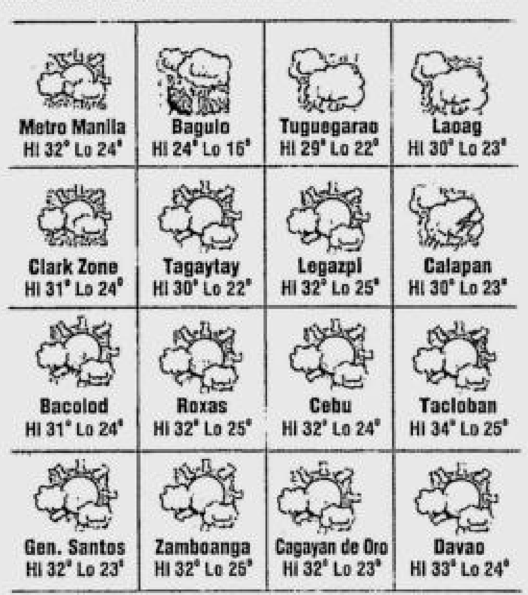
DAVAO CITY—A businessman was gunned down by two unidentified men here on Tuesday morning. Ireneo Daguman, 40, was inside his parked Nissan Safari when he was shot and killed. The victim, a fish dealer, had five bullets in the head and body. Police are still investigating the motive for the killing. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Erratum

THE NAME of the then mayor of Canlaon City in Negros Oriental, which appeared yesterday in an Inquirer Visayas feature titled "Coconut tree narrates sad state of RP polls," should have read Jesus Eleccion, not Jesus Ereccion. Our apologies.—Ed.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will have rains with moderate to strong winds blowing from the southwest. Coastal waters along these areas will be moderate to rough. The rest of Northern Luzon and Weatern Luzon will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms. SOURCE: PAGASA



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20th Anniversary

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
Unity in Christ

Building a Nation

CFC is committed to one vision: To be families in the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth. In the 20 years of its existence, CFC has laid down the foundations to realize this vision, this dream.

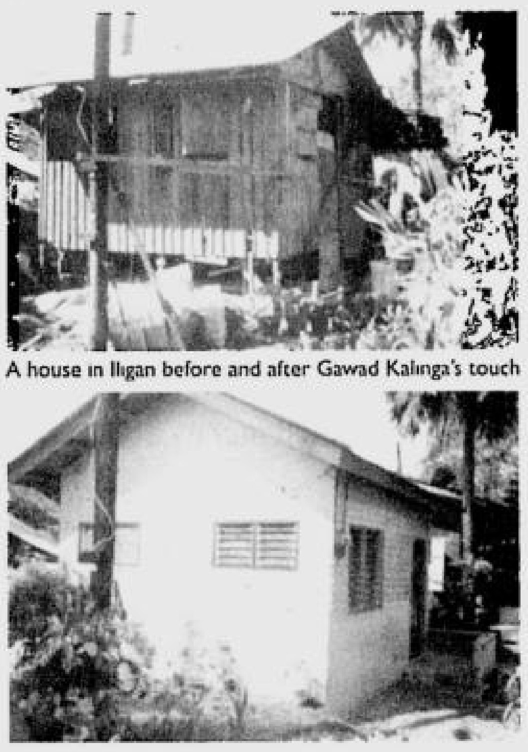
CFC believes that the family is the basic unit of society and upon its solid foundations rest the strength of the nation and the larger global body. The life of CFC has been anchored on strengthening bonds between couples, between parents and children, among relatives and friends and, through its participation in socio-economic and political activities, among members of the larger community.

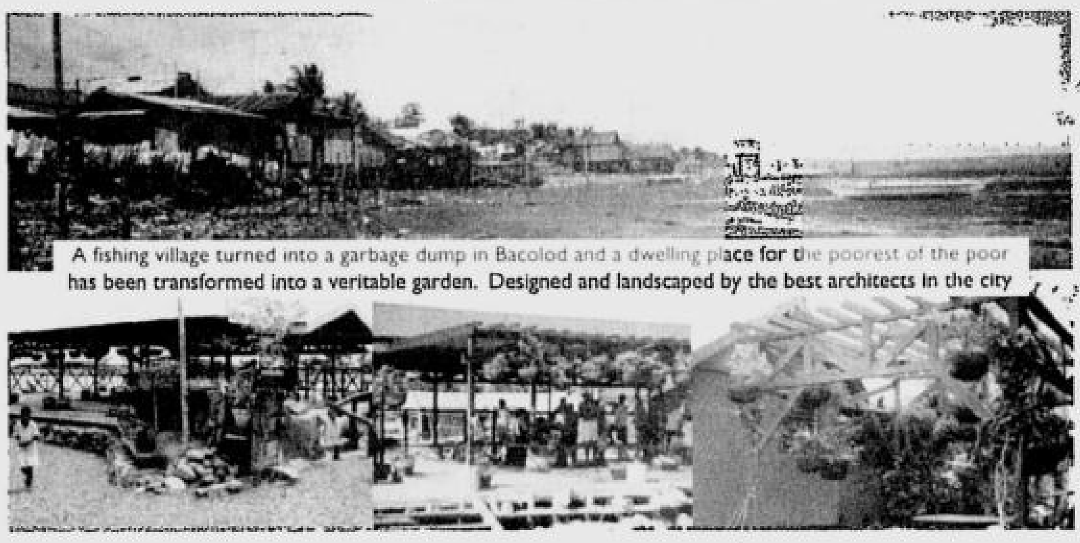
The strength of the family builds a nation. CFC began to see, as early as 1995, that to be effective Christian evangelizers, its members had to embrace the larger commitment to total human liberation – to follow Christ's example to "bring glad tidings to the poor…proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind and to free the oppressed". (Luke 4:18)

In the tumultuous events that culminated in the assault on Malacañang on May 1, 2001, people saw only the threat of an emerging class war. CFC sees instead greater opportunities to respond to God's challenge to serve the poorest of His people. This class war scenario, coupled with the denudation of our resources and the creeping malaise brought on by massive graft and corruption in government compel everyone to move and move fast.

CFC has come up with RADICAL, MASSIVE AND IMMEDIATE measures to respond to today's crisis.

RADICAL because CFC advocates a radical change in attitude – we believe that the poor are equal in worth and dignity and are entitled to enjoy the same privileges the rich take for granted.


A house in Iligan before and after Gawad Kalinga's touch


A fishing village turned into a garbage dump in Bacolod and a dwelling place for the poorest of the poor has been transformed into a veritable garden. Designed and landscaped by the best architects in the city

CFC's Gawad Kalinga brings glad tidings to the poor in Davao by rebuilding communities and setting in place basic facilities like water, toilets, parks and playgrounds.

MASSIVE because while the problem of poverty is overwhelming, the resources of CFC and the country are also vast. CFC has a wide network – it is present in all 78 provinces of the country and in 86 countries worldwide – that can be mobilized to harness all available resources and get them to the needy.

IMMEDIATE because CFC is equipped to respond to God's challenge immediately. CFC is a community that has built a trust relationship with its members and with other sectors of society. The resources available to us – people, expertise, finance and commitment as well as CFC's organizational structure – can be readily mobilized.

CFC's Gawad Kalinga work, now in 22 areas over the country, is the model upon which CFC communities are anchoring their work with the poor. A GK area, usually consisting of 10 to 15 repaired or rebuilt houses, involves the setting in place of common facilities like water, toilets, parks and playgrounds (TATAG). It also puts in place education for the children of preschool age (SIBOL), in elementary (SAGIP) and high school and college (SIGA). For the parents, there is SIKAP to provide livelihood opportunities for income augmentation. Medical care is available to everyone through the LUSOG.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
CFC ANGKOP

For members of the family seeking a life of holiness, CFC has established its Family Ministries.

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CFC YOUTH FOR CHRIST
CFC SINGLES FOR CHRIST
CFC Handmaids of the Lord
CFC SERVANTS OF THE LORD

CFC's Social Ministries address the concerns of those outside the family.

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Medical Missions

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Co-ops for Christ
Socio-Economic Renewal

Teodora
In Defense of the Authentic Woman, Inc.
Empowerment of Women

FLAME
Social Communications

Jacob's Well
Irregular Unions

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
School of the Morning Star
Children's Education

The Sword of Gideon
Armed Services Ministry

TEKTON GUILD

Changing the world

CFC is global. Its more than a million members is spread throughout the whole world – 86 countries as of last count. This is the power of the Spirit that began in the Philippines in 1981 with a core group of 16 couples and has rapidly moved around the world. Then as now, the mission and vision is to win the world for Christ.

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But while it is global, its basic thrust remains the same – to strengthen the family. CFC's Family Ministries encompass the whole spectrum of family life: from the married couples (Couples for Christ), to the young children aged 3 to 12 (Kids for Christ), to teenagers and young adults aged 13 to 21 (Youth for Christ), to young unmarried professionals (Singles for Christ) and to the widowed, abandoned, separated (Handmaids of the Lord and Servants of the Lord).

For priests and nuns sharing the vision, there are Special Ministries. These include a clerical association for young men called the Society of the Holy Family, the Priests for Family and Life, Nuns for Christ, and a religious congregation for sisters as yet unnamed.

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

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430th Araw Ng Maynila

Manila Looking Back, Moving Forward

HISTORIANS would probably tell you that Manila had two periods that could be considered as the salad days of the city—the pre-war period, where it was known as the bastion of gentility, and the post-war period, the reconstruction years after World War II, where it became the commercial and entertainment hub of the country.

If you ask long-time denizens of Manila what their favorite area in the city is, aside from Rizal Park or Luneta, especially during their younger days, they would probably point to Avenida Rizal, Escolta, Plaza Miranda in Quiapo, Chinatown, and even Malate.

"Manila was the city of my youth. We would walk along Avenida Rizal, shop at Escolta, watch political rallies at Plaza Miranda, eat at Chinatown, and ride our bicycles along the tree-lined streets of Malate before taking a dip at Manila Bay," recalls Lito Atienza, who recently won his bid for a second term as city mayor by a very convincing margin over the popular former DILG secretary and two-term Manila Mayor Alfredo S. Lim. He also won his first term in 1998 by beating a strong contender, former Senator Ernesto Maceda.

Sadly, these places have gone to seed in the past decades, mostly out of neglect and apathy.

It took an old-timer of the city like Atienza, who first became mayor in 1998, to rekindle the hope that Manila could once again regain its preeminent position as the country's cultural, tourism and commercial hub.

"We identified the landmarks that people associated with the past glory of our beloved city such as Plaza Miranda in Quiapo, Avenida Rizal, Chinatown and Malate, and we worked hard to revive them," Atienza explains.

Somehow, people began to take notice and became inspired of Atienza's redevelopment efforts in these areas.

Take Malate for instance.

"I have a lot of childhood friends who have moved their businesses to Makati and now live in posh villages such as Ayala Alabang who have been calling me. Now they are asking: 'Lito, ano bang negosyong puwede kong itayo sa Maynila?,' or 'May alam ka bang ipinagbibiling bahay sa Malate?,'" an amused Atienza narrates.

"I even have a friend whose family recently moved back to their ancestral home in Julio Nakpil Street. Now, they don't have to go far if they want to eat out or if his teenage kids want to go out at night," he adds.

Atienza, however, points out that this is just the start.

"It's all about raising the quality of life, reviving the culture and making it very convenient for people to do business. Almost all cosmopolitan cities in the world have all these elements present – safe communities, a vibrant culture and a progressive business environment. This is what we want for Manila and this is what we continue to work for," declares Atienza,

Isn't he worried that the success of his first term as Mayor of Manila has raised the people's expectations to a level that is, although not impossible, is quite improbable, to achieve in the next three years?

"I'm not worried as long as it's in the realm of possibilities because we could build on our substantial gains to achieve more successes. I would be very disturbed if, despite what we have been able to achieve so far, the expectations still remained at a very low level. This means that they are apathetic or unaffected," Atienza replies, even as he points out that very few believed his Buhayin ang Maynila urban renewal program when they started out in 1998.

"I have heard snide remarks before such as 'Litong Mapangarap,' and I took everything in stride and instead went to work with my team. Now, even some of my most vocal critics grudgingly concede that we made a lot of headway in the past three years. Of course, there is nothing much I can do about those who have made it their life-long vocation to find fault in everything that we do. I don't want to work with pessimists, I want to work with dreamers like me," says the two-term Mayor of Manila.

What exactly does he want to achieve for his second term?

"We have fired up the imagination of Manileños. Now they realize that reviving the glory of our beloved city is not a pipe dream and that we could even do something more, much more. We want to regain much of what we have lost in the past decades—the culture, the color and the vibrancy—and we want to add more to it to make Manila a truly cosmopolitan city," he summarizes.

Looking back, moving forward. Indeed.

MESSAGE

Mabuhay!

In 1998, we faced one of our greatest challenges: that of bringing new life to our beloved city.

Plagued by urban decay, most of the city's landmarks mutely bore the mark of neglect and apathy, a shameful reminder to us of what was and what could have been.

The city was in such dire straits that even when we launched our *Buhayin ang Maynila* urban renewal program, not a few people said that it was all a pipe dream and it could not be done.

But we did not lose hope. We never lost hope! Literally, inch by plodding inch, we brought back to life areas that have long been consigned to the dustbin of history. Plaza Miranda, Plaza Moriones, Plaza Noli, Malate and Avenida Rizal, to name just a few.

Three years hence, we not only survived. We kept the faith and we prevailed!

Now, as we celebrate the 430th Araw ng Maynila, we stand proud as we face the dawning of a new day for Manila and all Manileños — a product of our collective and unceasing efforts.

As we look back to our past, a city that is rich in history and culture, and as we recall all that we have accomplished, we also set our sights on a better future for our beloved city and its people - a Manila that retains its rich history and culture and at the same time vibrant and colorful, a truly cosmopolitan city.

Buhay na ang Maynila!
Isulong ang pangarap para sa isang makulay at maunlad na Maynila!

JOSE L. ATIENZA JR.
Mayor

Atienza's Vision: Manila's Glory Redeemed

ONE of the most important things that the administration of Mayor Lito Atienza has done for Manila is that it has laid the blueprint for long-term growth.

Atienza's vow to achieve the rebirth of the city has been redeemed, and by making the clocks at the City Hall tower work, he has served notice that time won't stand still in Manila.

It is not only the clocks of Manila City Hall, that work in complete synchrony.

The city bureaucracy has started to move even faster, no doubt motivated by the no-nonsense campaign of the Mayor to transform his employees into an army of workers who earn every bit of money paid by the city's taxpayers.

Saving plazas, squares from decay

Once reduced to oblivion, Plaza Miranda, the symbol of democracy and the bedrock of free expression, has been resurrected as a zone of convergence.

The square has become an architectural marvel in a city that for centuries has been home to a people with a rich cultural heritage.

The Lacson Underpass also got a facelift under Atienza's leadership. It is now spic and span, guarded at all times and rid of the eyesores that had been its bane for decades.

Atienza also redeveloped Plaza Moriones, the square in proletarian Tondo that had long been regarded as a hangout of social outcasts.

Plaza Noli in Sampaloc also got a facelift, and this landmark is now a beehive of activity in an area that has one of the biggest population densities in the city.

In Malate, center of arts and culture during the Spanish colonial period, Plaza Rajah Soliman also got a needed makeover. It is now a park that has been stripped of grime and slime, and the square has become a haven for people 24 hours a day, rain or shine.

New deal for Chinatown

Another significant district of Manila is Chinatown, which has for centuries been a trading center in the city.

Atienza took the cudgels in developing the district by organizing the Chinatown Development Authority (CDA), which orchestrates development plans and systematizes changes in the district's make up.

Established on *May 8, 1999*, the CDA enjoys autonomy while it works in crafting and implementing development programs for Chinatown.

The Filipino-Chinese community in Binondo has hailed the establishment of CDA, which is now regarded as proof that the Atienza administration considers Binondo an important part of the city.

Serving the children, too

Consistent with the overall plan to make *Manila* not only habitable but also a pleasurable city, *Mayor Atienza* has paid attention to the needs of the future generations.

He has redeveloped Paraiso ng Batang *Maynila* in Leverizo, the Patricia Playground in Tondo and installed new play equipment in many big and small playgrounds that litter the city's many barangays.

Atienza has supported 232 day care centers that cater to 12,000 children in the entire city.

His Aklat Sisikat Literacy Program has served thousands of people, from young children to adults who now have the rare chance to become more than literate but also learned.

Regular feeding programs are held in city's public elementary schools, and all students are provided with school bags and uniforms.

In addition, child and youth development programs like the Child Friendly Program under the Country Program for Children V of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) are implemented in the city.

Sports, dance programs

Atienza knows the value of sports and even dance, having been a dancer himself in his younger days, in improving the character and personality of the young people of the city.

For this reason, he established summer camps and sports competitions like the *Manila* Basketball League, which is participated in by 450 teams annually.

Then, there are the swimming, Taekwondo and chess clinics that conduct year-round lessons to develop the talents of the young people of *Manila*.

The *Manila* Dance Center was organized to serve the needs of talented adolescents, particularly those with hidden terpsichorean abilities. Poor but deserving students have been training in the dance center, which hopes to establish a record of sorts as the principal dance center in the country.

Free concerts and cultural events have been organized as well to serve the cultural needs of the people of *Manila*.

Beauties also have their place in the city, and they can all compete in the annual *Miss Manila* beauty pageant, one of the most prestigious the country has ever known.

The city of lights in RP

Manila is no longer the city of dark.

All major thoroughfares have been lighted up, from Sta. Cruz up to the boundary with Caloocan City.

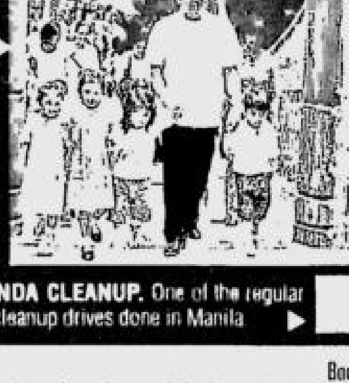
The same is true in the area from Taft Ave. to Pasay City.

Along with lighting up the city, all the center islands in Taft Ave. were renovated and beautified, while top-of-the-line, reflectorized street signs and traffic signages were installed all over the city.

Moreover, the former dark and dim *Malate* has been transformed into one of the liveliest entertainment and cultural havens in *Metro Manila* and the entire country.

Business has perked up in *Malate* and more and more restaurants, bars and entertainment joints have located there.

▲ **SAMA SA MASA.** A proactive form of delivery of basic services to different barangays three times a week.



KINDER ZOO. ▶ The redevelopment of the Kinder Zoo at the Manila Zoo where kids can interact with friendly animals.

PLAZA MORIONES. The redevelopment of the long neglected Plaza Moriones in Tondo.

PLAZA MIRANDA CLEANUP. One of the regular twice a month cleanup drives done in Manila ▶

Divisoria has also been cleaned up regularly along with all the public markets in the city.

People can now shop in these markets, knowing that their noses would not be offended, and that their health would not be at risk.

Infrastructure development

So keen is *Mayor Atienza* in beautifying Manila that, under his leadership, 700 city streets and national roads were cemented and asphalted.

Twelve out of 44 health centers were also repaired, while the new City College of *Manila* is rising at the Mehan Garden. This campus will serve a large number of students in Manila.

Ferry terminals were also built along the Pasig River, in Bacood and in Pandacan, to serve the increasing number of people using the waterway as a major transportation route.

Serving the people well

Atienza organized the Sama sa *Masa* Program to deliver basic services to the people thrice a week.

Through this program, Atienza brings government direct to the people, delivering health and sanitation services, dredging canals and drainage systems, repairing streets, issuing residence certificates and selling cheap consumer items like meat, vegetable and rice.

Moreover, this program allows constituents to have direct access to the Mayor.

Twice a month, the city does a citywide clean up and daily, garbage is collected and disposed properly to ensure that the city is secure from any outbreak of disease.

Under Atienza's "Kalinisan: *Maynila*" program, waste segregation, recycling and composting are done regularly.

Taxpayers are supreme

Since taxpayers deserve the best, Atienza thought of giving them the attention they deserve.

He set up the Taxpayers' Lounge at City Hall that provides the public with a spacious area where they can take their coffee, read newspapers and have their payments processed using 20 Toshiba point-of-payment validating machines.

As a result of these services, *Manila* had surpassed its revenue collections last year by 59 percent.

A One Stop Business Center for the issuance of licenses and permits in as short as three hours was also adopted.

The Tanggapang *Masa* is one office where all complaints can be coursed through and assistance is assured as quickly as they are aired.

A liberalized policy for small businesses has been set into motion, while the campaign to check corrupt officials has been institutionalized. Employes found engaged in bogus collections of tax payments using fake receipts have been investigated and charged.

Aside from all these, Atienza has also institutionalized the holding of mass weddings sans any fee.

Peaceful, orderly Manila

The campaign against scalawags in police uniform has been stepped up in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Barangays have been mobilized in the campaign against illegal drugs under the Barangay Kontra Droga Handog sa *Maynila* (Barkadahan).

The Bagong Buhay drug rehabilitation center and the drug ward at the Ospital ng *Maynila* have notched a 90 percent success rate in rehabilitating drug dependents under the administration of Atienza.

Campaigns against illegal gambling, prostitution and other vices have continued with firmness. Moreover, Atienza also created the *Manila* Traffic Police and Action Team (*Matapat*) auxiliary force to help maintain smooth traffic flow. He also established the *Manila* Anti-Littering Task Force and the Task Force Kaayusan.

However, Atienza believes that a police force should be provided with the logistics to fight crime and maintain peace and order.

Thus, he gave 20 Nissan patrol cars, 22 Suzuki Chariot econocab patrol vans, 40 mountain bikes, 20 Kevlar bullet-proof vests and 800 raingear for the Western Police District (WPD).

INQUIRER*Mindanao*
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1995 FLASH FLOODS

The tragedy that is Maughan

BY JOEY R.B. LOZANO
T'boli, South Cotabato

IT is ironic," Fr. Raffy Cabrido, parish priest of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish in T'boli, South Cotabato, once said, "that many of our church workers and leaders haven't been to Lake Maughan, which gained international stature more than five years ago."

And so early this month, lay cooperators and other parish personnel trekked to the lake. They were to enjoy the serenity of the area and, for many, a time to reflect on how such tranquility made the natural beauty famous.

It was in fact an infamous incident, the priest hastened to add, because of the devastation it had caused to lives and property downstream.

Nestled some 3,000 feet above sea level on the crater of Mt. Parker, Lake Maughan's outlet gave in before sunset of Sept. 6, 1995. Its waters raged through several towns of South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao.

The number of fatalities after three days reached 185, while 136 have remained missing to date. Government estimate of damages to crops, property and infrastructure facilities neared the billion-peso mark.

For the church workers, the trek was a time to rest. But it did not take long during their two-day commune with the lake before they were reminded of the tragedy again. It was time to reflect—and raise questions.

'Giant waves'

"Waves of water, mud and rocks as high as 30 feet cut through our barangay. Boulders of about four feet in diameter came with it," said lay cooperator Jose Garuncho of New Dumangas.

The village was the first to be hit by the lake outlet's collapse as the water passed through and devoured the Ga-o River that cuts across the area. At least 45 people died while 18 others have yet to be accounted for.

"Most of them were watching TV and who remained unmindful of the warning shots and screams of others outside," Garuncho said.

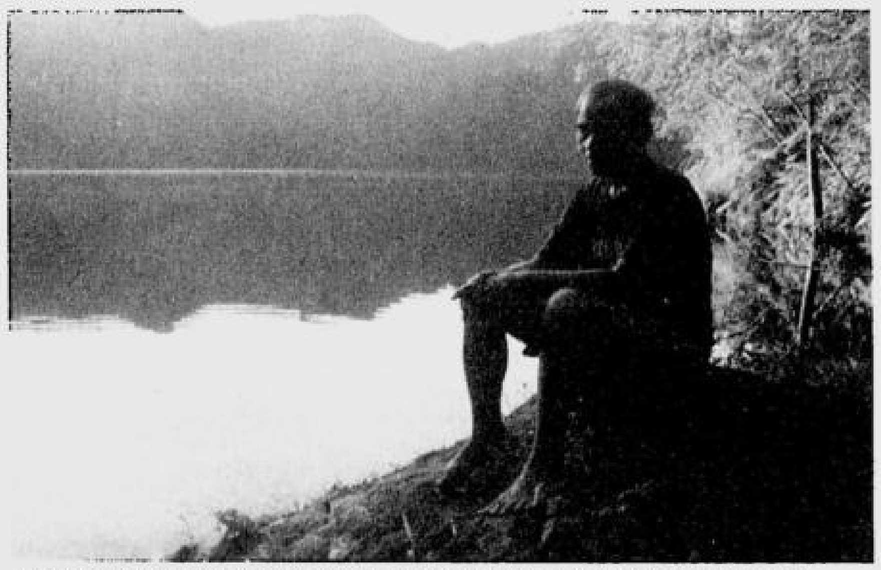
Garuncho was also on his way to watch TV when he saw the giant waves coming. He immediately took cover behind a huge boulder as soon as he saw the waves approaching his residence. Luckily, the rampaging waters split in two and spared the area where he was, leaving less than a hectare of land that now seems to stand victoriously amid the calamity. The place has been named "Isla" since then.

Trauma

The family of T'boli elder Marcial Kayaw had been living not far from the bank of the Ga-o, some five kilometers from the New Dumangas village proper.

"The river used to be my grandchildren's playground; it is also where they catch fish and gather ferns for food," Kayaw said.

"Now, they seldom go to the river. Fear that they will be devoured by another flash flood haunts them," he added.



LAY cooperator Jose Garuncho recalls flood destruction in New Dumangas.
JOEY R.B. LOZANO

It takes some prodding before the children take a dip for a bath, and always under the watchful eyes of their elders, he said.

Kayaw was one of the few who heard "sounds of successive thunders" that preceded the flash flood. He immediately evacuated his family to higher ground and from there, they watched Maughan's water swallow everything on its path.

The sight lingers on in his grandchildren's mind, he said. It does not help that even as the Ga-o continues to flow, some 25 feet high and 40 feet wide of washed-out area on both sides of the river remains as a reminder of the tragedy.

"They don't stay long as before, and they don't seem to be happy anymore being in the river," the elder sadly noted.

Biodiversity loss

A study conducted by the Allah Valley Development Inc. (AVDFI) and the Kutang Bato Integral Services for Indigenous Groups (Insights) a year after the incident indicated losses that may never be recovered.

One example is the volume of earth lost within an area of a 4-km radius that the two non-government organizations studied with the help of residents and tribe members.

The flood washed away 7,397,018 cubic meters of earth, along with hundreds of hectares of farmland and fishponds owned by both settlers and tribe members.

The total value of a production yield of 34 hectares of fishpond, rice and corn fields surveyed by the AVDFI and Insights was estimated at P2,943,600 in 1996.

Added to these losses are the livelihood opportunities provided to other residents by landowners, the study said. In the same barangay, more than half of the 2,500 residents are highly dependent on income derived from farm labor, the study noted.

Nature's healing

Also lost were 51 species of flora and fauna and at least 11 aquatic resources, such as frogs, fish and ferns.

"Before, there was an abundance of eels, crabs, frogs, medicinal herbs" in and along the river, T'boli Blahing Emen told the AVDFI and Insights. "Now there are none."

It might take five to 20 years, "depending on how fast the vegetation and trees grow," Kayaw added. He explained that "without the vegetation and trees, fish will not survive in the current state of the Ga-o River. The fish need their shade for resting and breeding. Without it, none will survive."

Four years had passed since the AVDFI and Insights conducted their study. Vegetation is beginning to flourish in the area, a fact that the church workers were happy to see on their way to the lake.

Indeed, nature has a way of healing itself, everyone agreed, avoiding discussions on whether the 1995 tragedy was man-made or not. Everyone appeared more apprehensive about the possibility of another flash flood, now that rain has started to fall quite regularly.

It was an apprehension that turned to fear and disgust after they have talked with the appointed "caretakers" of Lake Maughan.

'Caretakers'

Antonio Bungan, a T'boli, is one of the caretakers designated by the local government in 1998. He receives a measly sum of P2,200 per month. From the same amount he draws his daily food expenses while monitoring the lake and its surroundings. It is a job that requires him to be on alert 24 hours a day.

"*Basi hampangan nila* (Some people might tinker with the lake)" he said. He did not elaborate.

Two others who assist him get a monthly pay of P1,100 each.

The revelation was enough to create an uproar among the church workers. They know that hundreds of thousands of pesos are allocated monthly for the "monitoring" of Maughan.

Bungan is daunted not only because of his meager pay but also because of the lack of communications equipment that the caretakers can immediately use to report when something happens to the lake.

"We don't even have a hand-held radio for use during emergency situations," he said. The nearest available radio is found in the barangay proper of Salacafe, a two-hour hike from the lake.

In case of a repeat of the 1995 incident, numerous villages would have already been washed away before the caretakers finally get a radio, he predicts.

"P4,400 per month? Is that what we at the downstream all worth for?" a lay cooperator said in disgust. "Is it worth the lives of more than 200 people who died in 1995, and the loss of permanent sources of income for hundreds more, including the threat of another tragedy?"

The church workers had gone to the lake for a rest. They went down restless. More so with their knowledge that before the recent May 14 elections, their last-termer mayor who ran for the gubernatorial post but lost, had reportedly easily taken a P3-million cash advance from the local government.

But then, that's another story, worthy of an addendum to the Maughan tragedy.

Hiding being Muslim

DUGONG MINDANAW

Samira Ali Gutoc

We want to know what the Mindanaoan youngblood, middle-aged blood or high blood are thinking about what's happening in Mindanao and the rest of the country. -- ED.

"*PATAWARIN sana ako* (May I be forgiven)," whispers Acmad in Maguindanaon, almost to himself.

A jobseeker from Sultan Kudarat, Acmad sought lodging in the "infamous" Salam Compound, Culiat, Tandang Sora in Quezon City. He looked apologetically at the computer typist, a fellow Muslim, as he got his finished bio-data.

His resumé no longer says Acmad as his name, but "Ray something," and his religion, Christianity.

This real-life story is common among hordes of Muslims who arrive in Manila to seek employment in companies or even abroad.

Again, the Abu Sayyaf has spread fears and misconceptions about Muslims in general. Personal experiences of not being able to ride a jeep or a taxi are common among veiled Muslim women or men in "*kupya*" (Islamic cap) in the metropolis.

Some of my Christian friends experimented if Muslims were really treated "differently" in public places. One Atenean girl pretended to wear the veil upon entering the Greenhills mall. The guard asked her to display her things from her bag, unlike the other passersby who were allowed entry with "little" inspection.

Not satisfied, the guard inquired what was this Islamic book she was carrying (as if it's now a "crime" to read information about Islam).

Another friend from the University of the Philippines recounted how despite her waving to a jeepney for a ride, the driver just whizzed by after glancing at the Islamic books she was carrying.

Many people tend to see the Muslims as a monolithic group, although media are now conscious in branding the Abu Sayyaf different from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Moro National Liberation Front.

The 13 ethnolinguistic groups among the Moros and the *balik*-Islam (converts) constitute about 10 percent (or more) of the Philippine population, yet little is known about them. Because of a vacuum of images and stories about Muslims/Moros (aside from their being a "minority"), prejudices are easily formed. Some of the misconceptions about Muslims are:

- Allah is another God. (Allah is the One God.)
- Islam promotes polygamy. (Monogamy is the rule; polygamy, the exception.)
- Islam does not believe in Jesus or Mary. (Jesus is a Messenger in Islam, while Mary is Maryam in the Quran.)
- Aside from religious misunderstanding, many do not know Moro political dynamics. Listen to those with strong condemnations against the Abu sayyaf but ask them what the Bangsamoro problem is and they wouldn't know what to say. Concepts such as historical injustice and right to self-determination are foreign to them.

Ironically, we should be celebrating 100 years of the Supreme Court, which symbolizes all of fairness and justice, a bastion of democracy (as it contributed to the country's post-Estrada political stability) under which is a system that does not discriminate against gender, race or creed. The Mohammads, Sarahs and Aishas would always have to go through the harder lane.

In the recent bar examinations, only five Muslims (Young Muslim Professionals count) passed among 979 examinees. Most of those who succeeded came from Manila-based law schools in Ateneo de Manila University and the San Beda College.

A glaring ratio of one lawyer to maybe a 100,000 Muslims shows the disparity and inaccessibility of the judicial system to the Muslim sector.

Education and economy are areas where Muslims need affirmative participation. Like those of Afro-Americans, the talent and potential of Muslims must be recognized.

Many of today's young Muslims are idealistic and conscious of their roots. They are aware that they can't be complacent.

Some who passed the bar exams (instead of accepting entry in big-named Manila law firms) returned to the Moro areas to "bring" back the knowledge and "technology" (of the metropolis). They recognize that solutions cannot remain political or military. Each Muslim has his "*sangan*" (responsibility) in the different fields, such as medicine, engineering and law.

"Healing" as a government goal would really come from an innermost understanding of the dynamics of Muslim society. I don't think Muslims merely ask for tolerance. What we need is an active understanding and consciousness-raising of what it means to be a Muslim faithful.

And my "*sangan*" would be using the pen.

Samira Ali Gutoc, 26, was a law student in the Mindanao State University. She is now studying at the Arellano Law School. She hopes to publish a Muslim newspaper five years from now.

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DOH-BFAD HEALTH ADVISORY
No. 01-02
Date Issued: June 13, 2001
Subject: Unregistered Plasma Derivative Product (Brand name: Albumarc 25% Albumin) Posing Risk of Transmitting Mad Cow Disease

The Bureau of Food and Drugs received reports that unregistered Plasma Derivative Products under the brand name **"Albumarc"** are being distributed and used in hospitals in Cebu City and Iloilo City.

It is feared that Albumarc products, which were withdrawn from the US market because of health hazards, have found their way to the Philippines through illegal importation. Based on a USFDA - Center for Biologicals Evaluation and Research report, some production lots of "Albumarc" had been subject of a product withdrawal notice due to the possibility of the transmission of CJD (Creuztfeldt-Jacob Disease) or better known as "Mad Cow Disease". The Hyland Division of Baxter Healthcare, the manufacturer of the products, was notified by the American Red Cross that units of plasma were collected from a donor who had several family members die due to a confirmed diagnosis of CJD. All drugstores and hospital pharmacies are therefore warned against procuring "Albumarc" products because of the above cited health risk and that no such product is registered with the BFAD. Doctors and other health practitioners are also warned against using these products to their patients.

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DOH-BFAD HEALTH ADVISORY
No. 01-03
Date Issued: June 13, 2001
To: Pharmacists/owners of Drugstores and Drug Outlets
Subject: **Illegally Imported and Unregistered Drug Products**

It has come to the attention of the Bureau of Food and Drugs that some unscrupulous persons have been illegally importing and offering for wholesale unregistered drug products bearing the name of popular branded drugs (see attached Annex A). These products were obtained from unknown sources posing doubts on their safety, efficacy and quality. Illegally imported products also rob the nation of valuable tax income.

All pharmacists/owners of drugstores and drug outlets are hereby reminded that the importation, distribution or sale of unregistered products is subject to the sanctions and penalties stipulated in R.A. 3720, otherwise known as the "Foods, Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics Act" and R.A. 8203, the "Special law on Counterfeit Drug".
All are further enjoined to refrain from buying drugs and other medical supplies from illegal sources and to report persons or entities dealing in illegally imported and unregistered drugs to the DOH-BFAD (Tel. Nos. 842-5606, 807-0725, and 807-8275), DOH-Regional Field Offices or the Health Office of the Local Government Unit.
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Larry King of CNN saves Filipino baby

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pediatric cardiologist, Dr. Arnoh Hohn gave the same diagnosis as Dr. Lopez.

Ms Barbara Gross, of the hospital's hotel's administration department, and Terry discussed the estimated cost of Jose Ramon's operation. It amounted to about $80,000.00. (Because of the pacemaker, the bill went up to $120,000.00)

Showbiz friends like Ryan Fuentes and Louie Reyes were willing to donate their services free to help raise funds.

"At that point, we lifted everything up to the Lord," Terry said.

Then the big miracle happened.

Barbara was also in charge of matching cases in the hospital with various foundations in the US. While going over her file of applications, she got a call from the Larry King Cardiac Foundation office asking if they had any referrals. She immediately talked about Jose Ramon's case and faxed all the papers needed.

Meeting the star

The following day, the hospital got a call. Larry King and wife Shawn wanted to meet Jose Ramon and his family. They were flying in from Las Vegas enroute to the East Coast. Could Jose Ramon and family meet them at Children's Hospital?

When Barbara called the Aldeguers with the good news, the family was ecstatic. Jose Ramon seemed to understand the excitement and he easily learned the gig Terri taught him.

"Who is the love of Larry King?" she practiced her grandson. "Meee," he would say in a loud voice while thumping his chest.

The meeting at Children's Hospital was warm and spontaneous.

"This must be Jose Ramon," boomed Larry King with his lovely wife Shawn taking the baby in her arms.

Appraised of the complication of the needed surgery, he asked the doctors some questions. He also consented to pose for photos with the family.

When Terry asked Jose Ramon "Who is the love of Larry King," he quickly said "Meee" to the pleased amusement of the Kings.

By the time the Kings left, he had already given the go signal for his foundation to pick up the tab for the operation.

"We were all crying with joy. This was a gift from the Lord and we were all beside ourselves with happiness," gushed Terry Aldeguer. At a church event that weekend, she gave a moving testimonial about this personal experience and said that the best way she could thank the Lord was to dance for him.

Never have I seen Terry Aldeguer dance, radiant with a grateful heart, like that night. There were no dry eyes in the congregation that evening.

A few days after, Dr. Vaughn Starnes, director and head of the Cardiothoracsic Surgery at the Heart Institute of the Children's Hospital, assisted by a team of surgeons who perform heart transplants and complications, did the operation.

He did a Rastelli procedure to normalize the blood flow into the heart since the valves were inverted. The hole in Jose Ramon's' heart was also repaired.

Pioneering

The Los Angeles Children's Hospital has been a leader in pediatric cardiac care since the 1930s and was the first center in the West Coast to perform pediatric heart surgery. In 1954, it pioneered open-heart surgery in Southern California. In 1965, the hospital was the first on the West Coast to perform a successful surgical treatment for the transposition of arteries.

In 1993, the world's first double lung lobe transplant was successfully done from living parents to their baby daughter, a cystic fibrosis patient.

'Miracle doctor'

Since 1992, Dr. Vaughn Starnes has performed more living related lung and heart transplants in children than any other surgeon and the hospital remains one of the few centers in the country to perform these complicated procedures.

Today he is able to operate on a newborn heart the size and shape of an egg and on babies weighing less than four lbs.

Starnes is known as the "Miracle Doctor." In the Intensive Care Unit, photo plaques of children's "Thank You" notes fill up the walls—they are addressed to all the doctors and nurses to whom they owe their lives.

Jose Ramon will surely join these grateful ones.

Amazing

At the cardiovascular ICU where Jose Ramon was brought after the operation, the head nurse, Nida Oriza, a Filipina and graduate of the University of the Philippines, made sure that he had the best of care.

"Jose Ramon is our celebrity baby," Nida said. "Everybody knew that Larry King had taken an interest in the child. Besides, he was a brave little one, asking for fish and rice when he got out of anesthesia."

A few hours after his delicate surgery at the Heart Institute of the Children's Hospital, Jose Ramon was slowly waking up to life. With a line of sutures running the length of his chest, he breathed with the help of a ventilator as he groggily woke up intermittently.

"He is some sort of a miracle baby," said pediatric cardiologist Arnoh Hohn.

"Amazing child," he would nod his head.

No wheelchairs

A week after he got a pacemaker, Jose Ramon was up and about, riding his red wagon. Instead of wheelchairs and strollers, the kids at Children's Hospital move around on red wagons piled with comforters, pillows and stuffed toys.

At least one parent is encouraged to always sleep in the room with the baby because the hospital believes that a parent's love and care is vital to the fast recovery of the patient.

Two weeks after Jose Ramon's surgery, he went home to a room gaily decorated with a fire engine bed and neon decals shining from the ceiling.

The whole Aldeguer family—great grandmother Nitz, doting grandmas Terry Aldeguer and Maripaz Ripoll, aunties Ditas, Laly, "Titas" Nes, Te. Jojo, Lou and Rosette—had given him toys.

He went home to an environment of love and caring.

The miracle of life goes on.

An evening of stars

On June 4, 2001, Luigi Aldeguer and Yvette Ripoll, accompanied by the Aldeguer sisters Laly and Terry, were invited to attend a fund raising gala for the Larry King Cardiac Foundation hosted by the famous couple at the Regent Bevelry Wilshire Hotel (of "Pretty Woman" fame)

" It was a star studded Hollywood Affair that you only read about," Laly said. Stretch limos arrived with glamorous stars like Goldie Hawn, Nick Nolte, Sidney Portier, and many more.

The production started with Larry King literally swinging on stage on a rope murmuring, "what we have to do to raise money for a cause" to the delight of the celebrity crowd. Performers that evening were Natalie Cole, Lewis Black and Kenny Loggins.

The Aldeguers couldn't believe what was happening to them. Another miracle, of course.

A promise kept

IN THE darkness, Larry King made a promise to himself.

It was 1987, and the American newscaster was sitting alone in a hospital room, scared of the future and the medical procedure he was about to face.

Twenty-four hours later, the American newscaster awoke in the intensive care unit of New York Hospital after undergoing a successful quintuple by-pass heart surgery that morning.

For almost a year his heart had been failing due to a cardiovascular disease. The pain would stop him on the sidewalk, forcing him to lean against a building for support. It shook him awake at night leaving him sleepless till dawn. It grew in both frequency and intensity and each strike left him short of breath.

Before repairs to his heart began, Larry King made his promise.

The following year, the Larry King Cardiac Foundation was formed to help heart patients in desperate need of life-saving surgery.

A non-profit organization, it depends on proceeds from Larry's books, speeches, and fund-raising events such as the June 4th event in Los Angeles.

The foundation works with doctors and hospitals to help people with heart problems—adults and children alike—who have neither health insurance nor the financial resources to cover the astronomical costs of these operations.

Larry and Shawn King are passionate about this cause and personally emcee and host fund-raising galas in the United States.

One evening, he mentioned the case of Jose Ramon Aldeguer, a Filipino beneficiary, in one of his spiels and introduced the family to the big crowd. *(See story on Page A1.)*

"It is because of the goodness of so many healthy hearts that we are able to repair so many damaged hearts," King told the crowd.

Two more heads roll

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"The evil face of this terrorist group has once more surfaced. They have just killed two innocent family men," said Adan, who was in Zamboanga to look into reports that three Filipino hostages had been released

Sairin

In Malacañang, President Macapagal-Arroyo's spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said a Malaysian caller identifying himself as Sairin Karno to William Castillo, the Philippine government's negotiator, and Yusuf Andam to others, had been claiming to have secured the release of three hostages.

"He claimed the release was made the other day (Thursday) but up to now, there (have been) no sightings (of the hostages)," Tiglao told reporters.

According to Tiglao, the supposed Sairin had been calling Castillo to report his talks with Sabaya and the release of one hostage taken from Dos Palmas and two from a Lamitan hospital.

The man claimed that he was from Sabah, and that the 700,000 Filipino Muslims there were condemning the Abu Sayyaf for its activities.

"He's been tying to convince Sabaya to release the hostages, and he claims that Sabaya had agreed," Tiglao said.

The man told Castillo Thursday that three hostages would be released, Tiglao said.

HEAD count rises to five with the discovery in San Rafael, Isabela, Basilan, of the beheaded remains of Crisanto Suela, a copra farmer and security officer, Primitivo Falcasantos.

DENNIS SABANGAN

He said the man did not initially identify the three hostages but later apparently told Reuters their names.

The government had earlier agreed to the Abu Sayyaf demand to have Sairin help Castillo in the negotiations for the hostages' release. But the plan was scrapped when the Abu Sayyaf announced on June 12 that it had beheaded Sobero as an "Independence Day gift" to the President.

Now, Malacañang is wary of Sairin.

"We're thankful, of course, for his help, but we are emphasizing that any actual talks with Sabaya should be undertaken through William Castillo," Tiglao said, adding:

"We appreciate his help but we are a bit suspicious. Not really suspicious, but worried that he is doing it for the sake of the Muslims. (If this is the case) we are happy about it, but for other reasons we aren't too happy about it."

Sairin is said to be the same man who negotiated the release with ransom of the hostages taken last year from Sipadan in Malaysia.

"I'm not interested to be a broker. I'm just a Muslim trying to help out Muslims," Tiglao quoted Sairin as having said.

Tiglao also said the beheading of the two plantation workers from Lantawan "only shows how brutal and animalistic the Abu Sayyaf is."

Robot

Investigators discovered a message on Suela's sweatshirt written with a sign pen and saying in Filipino that "Commander Robot is in Basilan to chop off heads."

But Adan downplayed this, saying the bandits were again trying to confuse authorities.

"This could be another ploy, another deception. As you know, this is warfare and the enemy wants to mislead the government troops. This is a diversionary move," Adan said. "We don't believe Commander Robot is in Isabela, where the body was found."

Robot is the alias of Galib Andang, leader of the Abu Sayyaf faction in Sulu, who is said to have offered to surrender if assured of a fair trial.

Dr. Nilo Barantino, resident physician of the Basilan Integrated Provincial Hospital, said he believed that Falcasantos and Suela were killed at dawn because blood was still dripping from their bodies when these were taken to the police office.

Police investigators said the bandits dumped the bodies as they fled a military clearing operation around the mountainous Sampinit Complex early yesterday.

Commenting on the discovery of the headless bodies, former Basilan Rep. Candu Muarip said the situation in the province was "very alarming and no longer normal."

"The Abu Sayaff is sending a very strong and serious message that it means business and that it really wants to make its presence felt," Muarip said.

Adan said the motive for the beheading was to sow terror. "Again, this is terrorism. The manner with which this execution was made is meant to cause maximum fear to. . . the public," he said, adding:

"The terrorists here want maximum publicity. They do something that will be remembered by the people, that will have a lasting imprint on our memory."

Adan said the killers could have been just 5 kilometers away from where the bodies were found.

"They didn't have to pass through the main road. We believe (the workers) were killed elsewhere and were just dumped," he said.

Janjalani

Adan said the bandit group in Lantawan was part of the main group led by Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani.

He said this band separated from the main group and was sent to create a "diversionary move" in Lantawan to reduce "the pressure being brought to bear on (the main group) in the central part of Basilan."

He said the band, led by Commander Istilun Hatilun, raided the Golden Harvest Plantation to divert the attention of the troops pursuing Janjalani's group.

At the same briefing, Adan admitted that one of three severed heads found in Tuburan three days ago could be that of a soldier.

"As of now, we don't have these heads yet. However, it is possible that one of these belongs to one of our soldiers who had been reported missing," Adan said.

He refused to provide details pending notification of the soldier's next of kin. ***With a report from Juliet L. Javellana in Manila***

AFP scores: Abu intelligence chief nabbed

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But former hostages of the Abu Sayyaf said the bandits had managed to avoid government troops by moving at night and creating diversions in the dense jungle of Basilan.

The Associated Press quoted former Basilan Rep. Candu Muarip as saying Friday that the three hostages freed a week ago had reported that the Abu Sayyaf was well-equipped and well-versed in guerrilla tactics.

Muarip, who said he had talked at length with the ex-hostages, quoted teenager Kimberly Jao Uy as saying they would rest during the day and walk for four to eight hours at night, often finding leeches on their bodies afterward.

Some captives developed diarrhea and stomach ailments, Muarip said.

Across the island

The Abu Sayyaf "can walk across the island in the middle of the night," Muarip said. "They have mastery of the terrain. Because of this, it may take a long time for the military to track them down."

He quoted ex-hostage Francis Ganzon as saying that when traveling through the jungle, a small advance group would send one gunman back to advise how to avoid soldiers.

Ganzon said the small force would engage the military while the main group moved away with the hostages.

Muarip also quoted the ex-hostages as saying that their captors had a satellite telephone, cellular phones and radios, plus a solar panel to provide power.

Abu Sabaya, spokesperson of the bandit group, is said to use this satellite phone to call the Radio Mindanao Network to air threats or demands.

The former hostages reported that they ate cassava and, when available, goat meat and beef. They sometimes slept in huts, they said.

Muarip said some of the bandits appeared to be devout Muslims, praying up to five times a day, even during a military assault early this month on a hospital in Lamitan, Basilan, that they were occupying.

"They are not afraid to die. They think there is paradise waiting for them after death," Muarip quoted Ganzon as saying.

The female hostages were separated from the men and were allowed to bathe in rivers, with guards looking the other way, Muarip reported.

He said the bandits avoided touching the women.

Ganzon and Jao Uy were among 20 people, including three Americans, seized on May 27 from the Dos Palmas resort and taken by speedboat to Basilan nearly 480 kilometers away.

They were released June 14 along with Mohaimin Sahi Latip, a Muslim cleric, who was held as a captive for several days while on a private mission to try to negotiate the hostages' release.

On Friday, Tahira Ismael, mayor of Lantawan town in Basilan, said an Abu Sayyaf group led by Commander Isnilon Hapilon abducted a 14-year-old Muslim girl identified as Nadzmi Mustafa in Barangay Matikang Lantawan.

Ismael said the bandits also took four carabaos and two cows.

"Nadzmi was abducted along with her two brothers Patta and Nain, but the two were later freed," Ismael said.

The mayor said she had dispatched civilian volunteers and militiamen to go after the bandits.

16-year-old

In the Basilan capital of Isabela, police arrested a suspected Abu Sayyaf fighter identified as Zaldy Abdulpatta, 16, on Thursday.

The boy is said to belong to a group led by Commander Hamsiraji Salih, which operates in Isabela and Lantawan.

Supt. Ahmadul Pangambayan, director of the Basilan police, said they still had to determine whether the suspected bandit was a native of the province.

"Earlier, he claimed he is from Sulu, but based on his recent accounts, he is from Lantawan," Pangambayan said.

Abdulpatta told reporters that he was a civilian and that he did not know anything about the claim of the police that he was a member of the Abu Sayyaf.

He has reportedly been placed under tactical interrogation at the 103rd Army Brigade headquarters.

But when Maj. Alberto Gepilano, civil-military operations officer of the Joint Task Force Comet, was asked about this, he said he knew nothing about Abdulpatta's arrest.

Gepilano advised reporters to direct their inquiries to the police, to whom Abdulpatta was reportedly turned over after the interrogation.

Abdulpatta is the fourth to be arrested on suspicion of being an Abu Sayyaf member. The others were Kaiton Mingkong, Kintong Quezon and Santik Balbino—supposedly all members of a "lost command" of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

According to Muarip, two unidentified civilians in Tipo-Tipo town were beheaded on suspicion of being members of the Abu Sayyaf.

Suspended classes

Classes in certain municipalities in Basilan have been on indefinite suspension because of the ongoing military operations against the Abu Sayyaf, said Provincial District School Supervisor Omar Aranan.

He said 12 schools in Lantawan, the whole of Tuburan, the east and west districts of Tipo-Tipo and the south and north districts of Sumisip were covered by the suspension.

"The students' schooling has really been disrupted. We can't do anything. We have to suspend classes while the military operations are ongoing," Aranan told the INQUIRER.

The suspension has affected around 11,000 schoolchildren and 234 teachers. ***With reports from AP; Dave Veridiano in Manila***

What ABS-CBN party?

(From page A1)

who rode to power on the crest of their popularity.

Some senior senators note that in the 12th Senate, there are now four legislators who built their careers in the studios and radio booths of ABS-CBN: Renato Cayetano, Loren Legarda, and newcomers Francisco Pangilinan and Noli de Castro.

Alarmed by this, Senate President Aquilino Pimentel and Senators Franklin Drilon and Francisco Tatad have proposed amending the Constitution to provide for the election of senators by region.

Pimentel had said that he fears that someday an ABS-CBN bloc could make political parties obsolete.

But the four senators, in separate interviews, said such statements were unfair to them and that they should be judged on the basis of their individual merits.

The most controversial among the four, De Castro, the frontrunner in May's senatorial elections, admits that his 20-year stint with ABS-CBN contributed to his victory.

But he defended the television network, saying: "It is not ABS-CBN's fault that we entered politics."

Reelected Sen. Juan Flavier, the second-placer who trailed De Castro by more than four million votes, has offered to act as the coach of neophyte senators during the first six months of their term.

And here's Flavier's first tip for the likes of De Castro, whose decision to keep his old broadcasting job at Magandang Gabi Bayan is causing quite a stir: Work full-time as a senator.

"Every senator should devote his whole time to the position he sought from the Filipino people. This should be full-time work," Flavier, who claimed to have given up "everything" since gaining a Senate seat in 1995, told a Kilosbayan forum on Friday afternoon.

The Senator, who holds the records for perfect attendance and having the most number of bills passed in the previous Congress, stressed that even weekends should be devoted to studying proposed bills.

He was happy to report that young Senators-elect Pangilinan and Ralph Recto have personally asked him to be their coach, adding that former first lady Luisa "Loi" Ejercito, De Castro and former Philippine National Police chief Panfilo Lacson have also sent feelers.

When told by mediamen that Ejercito, who had previously solicited tips from outgoing Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago, had picked him to be her coach, Flavier said: "That lady has taste and judgment."

No guarantee

According to Cayetano, who gained public exposure through hosting a TV show, coming from the ABS-CBN stable does not guarantee an automatic win in a political race, a lesson learned by defeated senatorial candidate Ricardo Puno Jr.

Legarda, topnotcher of the 1998 Senate race, said she owed her victory to her integrity and skill as an investigative reporter, not to the support given to her by her former employer.

"Compare my campaign in 1998 with Noli," she said, referring to De Castro's use of "Magandang Gabi Bayan" to plug his candidacy.

"I did not use a single ABS-CBN vehicle. I did not have TV plugs because there was then an ad ban. So, I don't know what (ABS-CBN) support they are talking about," she said.

Legarda said her stint with ABS-CBN from 1986 to 1998 "was a professional stint. . . but I was not supported the way Noli was supported this time."

On their own

She said the network did not encourage its talents to run and that those who made a bid for the Senate had made the decision on their own.

"While we might have come from the same (network), although from different programs at different times, I can assure you there is no (ABS-CBN) bloc," she said.

And they won't vote as a group, she promised.

"Events in the past prove that I do not vote according to party lines, I vote according to convictions, according to my conscience," said Legarda, who was praised for her questioning of witnesses and lawyers at the impeachment trial of ousted President Joseph Estrada.

Pangilinan, who used his skills as a lawyer on a show for ABS-CBN radio station DzMM, did not seem bothered by the criticism.

"This is a free country, they're free to speak their minds, it's okay for me. At the end of the day, we will work and we we'll work hard, then maybe they can speak again after some time," said Pangilinan, whose popularity among the masses was boosted immensely by his marriage to ABS-CBN contract star Sharon Cuneta.

Hints from Flavier

Flavier said that new senators often feel disoriented while attending sessions during their first six months of their term, which is why he has decided to show them the congressional ropes.

"In your first six months as a senator, you don't know anything. You don't even know how to debate. In my case, I never knew that you couldn't directly engage a fellow senator in a debate. You have to talk to the Senate president," he said.

"That's why I have pledged to help them succeed for the sake of the country."

This isn't the first time Flavier will coach newcomers—in 1998, he gave helpful hints to a new batch of senators that included Legarda.

He recalled that Legarda, at first, was too intimidated to ask questions of seasoned senators, such as outgoing Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, during deliberations on bills, but she eventually came out of her shell.

"Look what she did during the impeachment. She was very brilliant. And I had nothing to do with that," Flavier said.

Woods bounces back with 66; play halted

HARRISON, New York — Tiger Woods made a long day of golf in the rain-delayed Classic very interesting.

In danger of missing the cut for the first time in 71 tournaments after an opening 4-over 75 on Friday morning, Woods shot a 66 in the second round to move into contention at 1 under.

That was not far behind second-round leaders Sergio Garcia and Scott Hoch, who were each at 6 under when play was called because of darkness Friday. Garcia had completed 10 holes and Hoch nine.

Stewart Cink, Robert Allenby, Vijay Singh and J.P. Hayes all finished their rounds and were at 5-under 137. Gabriel Hjertstedt was also at 5 under after 10 holes.

Webb soars ahead

WILMINGTON, Delaware — Karrie Webb set two scoring records Friday in the LPGA Championship, putting her halfway home to the record that matters most–youngest woman to complete the Grand Slam. Webb finished with a flurry, eight birdies on her final 12 holes and only 10 putts on her back nine at DuPont Country Club, for a 7-under 64 and a three-stroke lead going into the weekend at the only major championship she hasn't won.

Golf Power

GOLF Power today presents a special junior golf tournament in memory of Dr. Rebecco Panlilio. Among the good things Dr. Panlilio was known for include being one of the biggest benefactors of junior golf in the country. The 36-hole meet was held at the Puerto Azul Beach and Country Club very recently.

PACQUIAO (right) in action against Gabriel Mira. FILE PHOTO

Wind Blown favored in 'Copa' today

WIND Blown is a hands-down choice in Division I but it's going to be anybody's race in Division II in today's 22nd running of the Gran Copa de Manila Stakes races at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

Four other gallopers are battling Wind Blown over 1,900 meters in the day's featured race which offers P360,000 to the winner.

The same route will also be tackled by 12 entries in the other division where veteran Power Drive faces a formidable challenge in Rudy Mendoza's Palace Hero, My Preperido and Golden Eagle. First finisher in this contest (also over 1,900 meters) gets P180,000.

Grand total sales for the day are expected to hit P37.234 million.

SPORTSWATCH

Sanchez takes over

NEWLY appointed chair Andrew Sanchez formally assumed the Philippine Racing Commission leadership in simple turnover rites at the Philracom office in Makati City recently. Outgoing chair Benedicto Katigbak handed the rein to Sanchez. Others present during the turnover were Philracom executive director Juan Lozano, deputy executive director Dr. Romeo Buencamino and commissioners Enrique Romualdez, Victor Tantoco, Ramon Balatbat, Eduardo Domingo Jr. and Eduardo Galang.

Shell's Pastor moves up

SUBIC—Enzo Pastor of Shell-TEC Racing swept the third and fourth rounds in convincing fashion to wrest the overall lead in the rain-marred Formula Toyota Cup, one of the featured events at the Subic International Raceway. Undaunted by the heavy downpour that inundated parts of the 2.8 kilometer racetrack in Subic and interrupted the races for almost one hour, Pastor held off Carlos Anton of Shell in the first race and Kirk Arambulo of Kart 1 in the second race to assume the overall lead in this 12-part series with 87 points.

Dableo stuns Paragua

NATIONAL Master Ronald Dableo wielded the upset ax on pre-tournament favorite and top seed Mark Paragua to virtually take one of the seven slots for the Asian Continental in the seventh round of the Qualification Tournament held at the Center Mall, Greenhills Shopping Center in San Juan. The 12th seeded Dableo engaged the 17-year-old IM in a marathon queen-pawn endgame and used a slight advantage en route to the win after 119 moves of their English Opening encounter.

MYL Geran scores 7 wins

FILIPINO cocker-breeder Gerry Fevidal reigned supreme early yesterday morning (Saturday) when his entry, MYL Geran, scored seven sizzling wins and emerged the solo champion in the second and final leg of the 2001 World Slasher 8-Cock Derby at the Araneta Coliseum. An engineer by profession, Fevidal, who is also a frontrunner in the NCA (National Cockers Association) Cocker of the Year race, made mincemeat of the foreign-flavored opposition.

RACING TIPS

AT SAN LAZARO BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Gallop for Gold 2. Mirame 3. Khazan 4. Ocean Dignity

Race 2—1. Good Grace 2. Ysabela 3. Ricastar

Race 3—1. Padron Real 2. Spoiler 3. Gold Honors 4. Grace and Fortune

Race 4—1. Gemstone 2. Top Quest 3. Pride of Mandaue 4. Dona Josefina

Race 5—1. Filthy Rich 2. Lucky Gambit 3. Modulo Queen 4. My Prayer

Race 6—1. El Condor 2. Mr. Lucas 3. Loose Cannon 4. Gold and Dollar

Race 7—1. Gutmoore 2. Palace Hero 3. My Preperido 4. District Three 5. Power Drive/Sparkling Sky

Race 8—1. Sweet Topic 2. Princely Native 3. High Pitch 4. That's My Tiger

Race 9—1. Wind Blown 2. Gold Edition

Race 10—1. Heart of Gold 2. With Feeling 3. Dr. Jones 4. Grand Dancer

Race 11—1. Dixie Dancer 2. Typhoon Belle 3. Pilato 4. Exchange Deal

Race 12—1. Sealed With A Kiss 2 Corporate Law 3. Southern Glory 4. Winning Rose

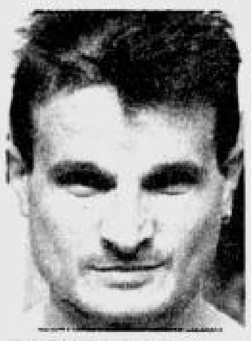
Race 13—1. Evergreen 2. Baby Maxxine 3. The Serpent 4. Gallant Rose

Race 14—1. Tumalaginting 2. Charisma 3. Aim and Fire 4. Metronome

Race 15—1. Mighty Swift 2. Mega Money 3. Precious Jay/Ong Bee 4. Al's Princess

De La Hoya fights again; Pacquiao seeks IBF crown

DE LA HOYA



CASTILLEJO

LAS VEGAS —One minute, Oscar De La Hoya is talking about retirement. The next, it's big rematches with Felix Trinidad and Shane Mosley.

He wants to be a singer. He wants to be a boxer.

In De La Hoya's often-contradictory world, only one thing is certain - he intends to become a champion once again Sunday morning against Javier Castillejo.

"I miss being a champion," De La Hoya said. "I miss fighting the megafights."

Also on the card is a fight between IBF Junior featherweight champion Lelohonolo Ledwaba of South Africa and Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines.

De La Hoya gets a chance to be a champion again for the first time since Trinidad gave him his first defeat nearly two years ago when he challenges Castillejo for the WBC 69.853-kilogram (154-pound) title.

Ali's gloves

LONDON —The gloves Muhammad Ali wore when he knocked out British boxer Henry Cooper in a 1963 fight at Wembley Stadium sold for 37,600 pounds ($53,000) Friday. A consultation over a tear in the maroon leather gloves gave Ali time to recover after Cooper nearly knocked him down. Some British boxing fans believe Ali's trainers intentionally worsened the tear to buy time for the fighter, then known as Cassius Clay. *AP*

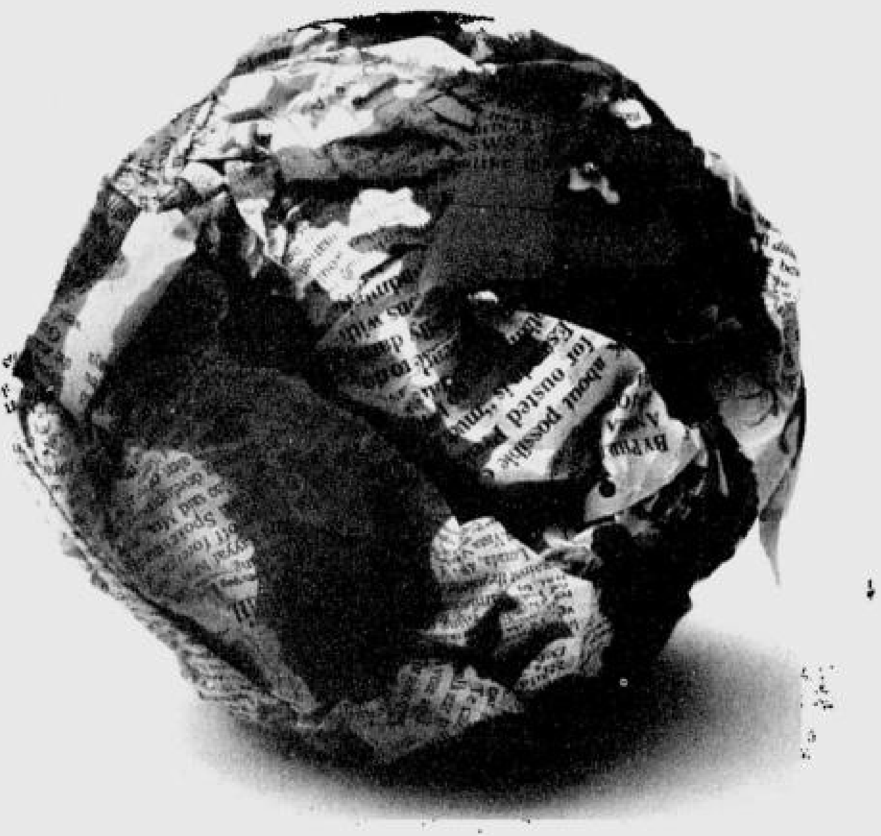
Actor Gutierrez claims 2nd triumph

SUBIC—Movie/TV actor Monching Gutierrez of Gulf Oil-MP Turbo hurdled another major challenge and claimed his second back-to-back victories in the SVI Challenge Cup of the Petron Grand Prix at the Subic International Raceway.

Looking almost unstoppable in his white and green Hyundai Elantra, Gutierrez submitted the fastest times in winning both the seventh and eighth rounds in this 14-part, annual series organized by Sports Values, Inc. (SVI).

Gutierrez, better known for his roles in youth-oriented films with actress-wife Lotlot de Leon, won over Mon Lindo of Gulf Oil-MP Turbo and Tom Pastor of Team TEC in the seventh and eighth rounds, respectively.

Gutierrez clocked 1:10:14.531, 0.340 seconds ahead of Lindo in the 12-lap, seventh round held earlier in the day. He timed 36:50. 271 in the eighth round, 9.841 faster than Pastor despite the wet and slippery racetrack.



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MENK EYED AS IMPORT

Alaska seeks 5th straight win vs Tanduay

STANDINGS	W	L
Alaska	4	0
SMB	4	1
Mobiline	2	2
Red Bull	2	2
Purefoods	2	2
Pop Cola	2	3
Ginebra	2	3
Sta. Lucia	2	3
Tanduay	1	3
Shell	1	3

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4:15 p.m. – Shell vs Red Bull
6:30 p.m. – Alaska vs Tanduay

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ALASKA Milk tries to pull away from the crowd when it goes up against beleaguered Tanduay Gold even as Shell and Red Bull attempt to make some noise today in the PBA Commissioner's Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Aces are firmly on top with four victories in as many games, a record they will stake against the Rhummasters who, in desperation, are planning to use grounded Fil-Am Eric Menk as their import.

Menk, sidelined for more than a year due to his pending clearance from the Department of Justice, is reportedly being eyed as a replacement for Kevin Freeman, who, despite his individual talent, can't do much to help Tanduay's sputtering start.

Unlike Menk, Mobiline's Asi Taulava was able to resume his PBA career without almost having to work up a sweat.

But Taulava's comeback game was spoiled by San Miguel Beer, which beat the Phone Pals, 92-73, on Friday.

The Rhummasters have lost two in a row after shocking Sta. Lucia Realty two weeks ago. Tanduay has been struggling despite the presence of big men like Freeman, Bong Hawkins and Zaldy Realubit.

The Aces are in their best start in many years with their four wins to move to within a win of gaining a playoff crack for the next round.

Tremaine Wingfield is expected to suit up for the Turbochargers, who are in dire need of a victory to stay in contention in this single-round elimination where the top eight teams advance to the quarterfinals.

Listed as 6-foot-5, Wingfield has yet to be measured by PBA officials today but is sure to replace Juaquin Hawkins, who didn't click with the Turbochargers. Shell is languishing at 1-3.

Shell has lost thrice straight due to injuries to local stars and match-up problems with imports from opposing teams.

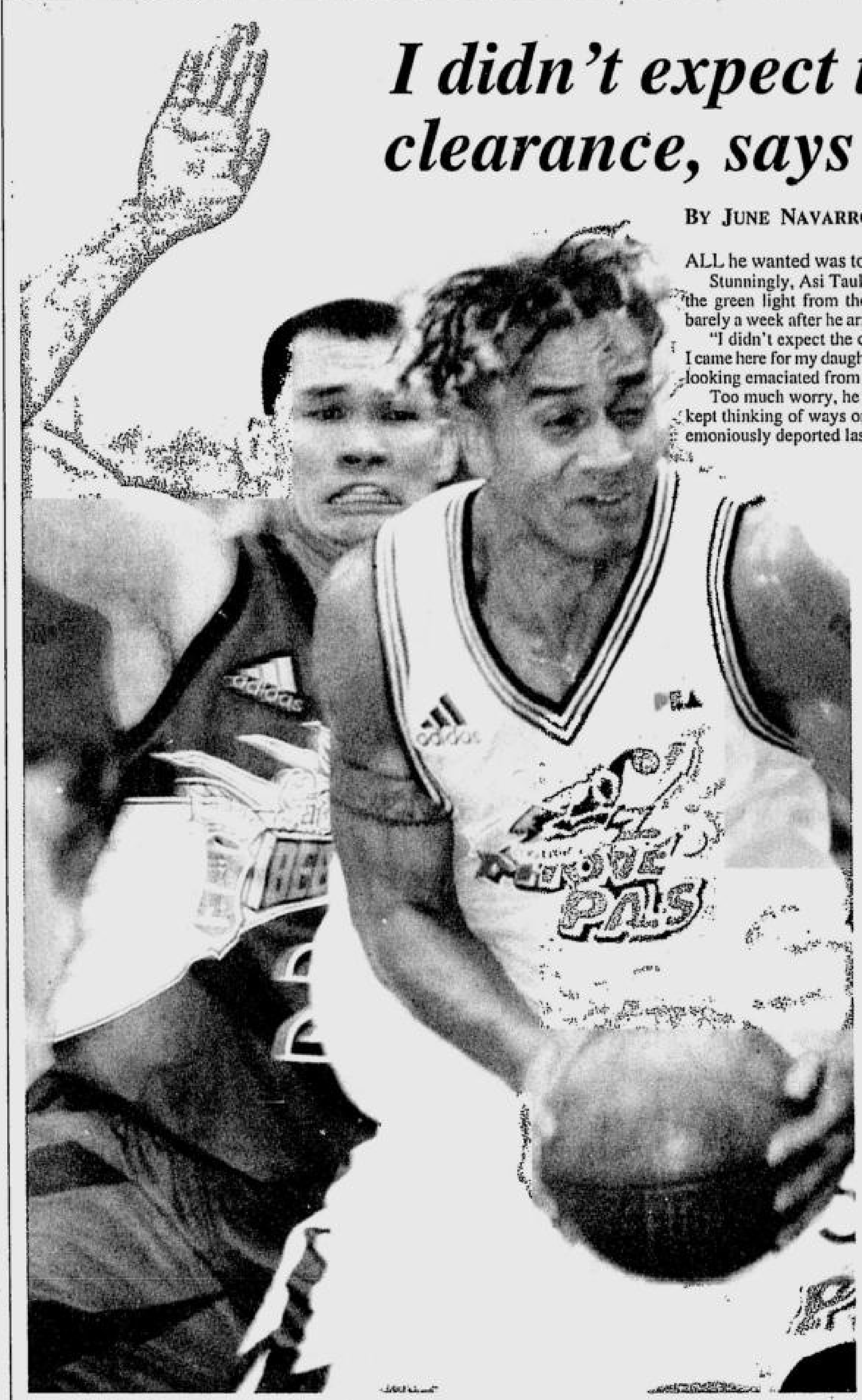
That is something the Thunder can take advantage of since they are parading a complete lineup that blends well with hardworking import Antonio Lang.

Red Bull's tall lineup will again be Shell's main concern, especially since Benjie Paras has a hurting knee, leaving a big hole in the Turbochargers' frontline.

Meanwhile, Sta. Lucia Realty defeated Barangay Ginebra, 85-84, in the lone road game held in San Fernando, Pampanga last night.

I didn't expect the DOJ clearance, says Taulava

By June Navarro



TAULAVA: "I have to get back in shape." ROGEL MARGALLO

ALL he wanted was to be with his family.

Stunningly, Asi Taulava got more than he wished for after getting the green light from the Department of Justice to play in the PBA barely a week after he arrived from the United States almost incognito.

"I didn't expect the clearance from the DOJ. To tell you the truth, I came here for my daughter and not to play in the league," said Taulava, looking emaciated from a beefy frame of 278 pounds to 218.

Too much worry, he said, caused him sleepless nights. He said he kept thinking of ways on how to see his daughter after he was unceremoniously deported last year by the Bureau of Immigration.

After seeing for the first time his four-month-old daughter, Asiana Louise, and his wife, Anna May Corveau, last week, Taulava said: "I told myself that I'll be a good father and husband at the same time."

Another pleasant surprise came when Mobiline team manager Frankie Lim told the 6-foot-9 slotman of the DOJ clearance for him to play for the Phone Pals in the PBA.

The Fil-Tongan, however, was greeted by a rude welcome from San Miguel Beer, which routed Mobiline, 92-73, during his return Friday night.

"San Miguel made me feel like I'm a rookie again. They just took me out of my game," said Taulava, who scored only 8 points and hauled down 7 rebounds.

On a personal level, Taulava said he has yet to reach peak form and still has to adjust with the style of play of the current Mobiline crop.

"I have to get back in shape. I know it would take time but I guess I just have to work doubly hard," said Taulava, who said his level of play at the moment "is 35 percent."

While the DOJ approved his papers roughly a year after he got deported, many observers could not help but notice Eric Menk's own battle to get the DOJ nod for him to be also declared as a Fil-Am eligible for PBA play. Menk, a Tanduay stalwart whose mother is a Filipino from the Ilocos region, is being blocked by a simple technicality.

Taulava expressed sympathy for Menk.

"Though I can't freely comment on his status, but I hope the best for Eric," said Taulava. "I'm both lucky and happy for being back."

The DOJ's swift action to return him to active status, courtesy of Justice Secretary Hernani Perez's written order on June 21, has made Taulava the envy of many.

But how soon he will be able to recover his poise as a player is the big question at the moment. For, unless he recovers fast, Taulava will just simply be a mere PBA statistic not worthy of a second look by a crowd that has grown to be so discerning of its choice of idols.

SJ Knights target repeat over Eagles

STANDINGS	W	L
Negros	5	1
Cebuana Lhuillier	5	1
Andok's San Juan	3	2
LBC Batangas	3	2
Nueva Ecija	2	2
FedEx Laguna	0	2
Davao	0	4
Socsargen	0	4

GAMES TODAY *(San Juan Gym)*
3:00 p.m.—Socsargen vs Laguna
5:30 p.m.—Davao vs San Juan

By Roy Luarca

THE ABSENCE of their head coach notwithstanding, the Andok's San Juan Knights are still favored over the Davao Eagles when they clash anew at 5:30 p.m. today in the Metropolitan Basketball Association First Phase at the San Juan Gym.

Reason: The Knights are superior over the Eagles as far as height, heft and firepower are concerned.

This was evident when the Knights routed the Eagles, 140-95, in their first encounter on June 17 and only the margin is expected to change even if San Juan coach Philip Cezar will start serving his two-game suspension tonight.

Tied with idle LBC Batangas at third place with 3-2 slates, San Juan will gain on pacesetters Negros and Cebuana Lhuillier if it repeats over Davao.

Cezar was slapped a one-game suspension and drew a P30,000 fine in the aftermath of the Knights' fouling binge against the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems on June 15. He also incurred a three-game suspension on July 25, 2000, for unsportsmanlike conduct. He has served out two suspensions, leaving him with one more.

FedEx Laguna tries to halt its skid when it tangles with cellar-dweller Socsargen in the 3 p.m. opener.

Jordan to play forward if he makes comeback

WASHINGTON —If Michael Jordan does return as a player next season, look for him to play a new position.

"I could see him playing a lot of small forward," Washington Wizards coach Doug Collins said Friday. "He's going to do a lot of posting up.

"I don't see him necessarily playing the same style as before. He's so physically strong now. ... Who better to reinvent themselves than him?"

Collins said he based his opinion on Jordan's workouts, but the move would also solve a big Wizards dilemma: The only position where the team doesn't need help is shooting guard, Jordan's old spot.

In any case, the comeback attempt is on hold after Jordan cracked two ribs during a workout last week. Collins said it will be at least another three weeks before Jordan is back on the court. *AP*

Asian Bowling Tour starts in Baclaran

THE KEENLY awaited CGU Asian Bowling Tour begins today at Port Plaza's Pearl Bowling Center in Baclaran, with the country's top keglers vying not only for top honors against the finest players in the region but also for berths in the SEA Games-bound Philippine team.

Bonnie Solis, the assistant coach of the RP team, said the event, despite its knockout format, will serve as part of their selection process for the 12-man national squad that will compete in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games this September.

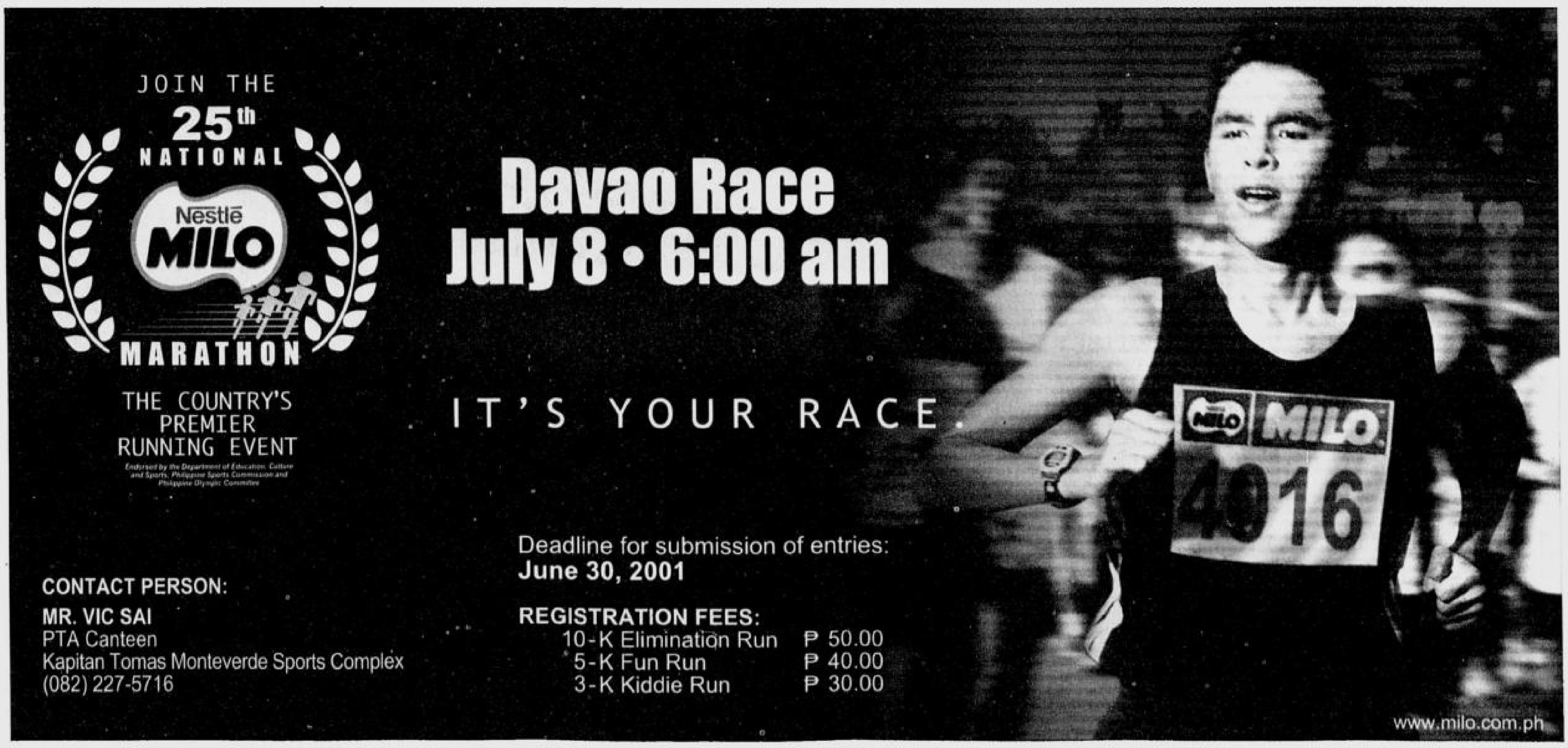
"We have been conducting the elims since January and we will come up with the final composition of the team after this event," said Solis.

Fancied to make the team are Chester King, CJ Suarez and Biboy Rivera (men's) and Cecilla Yap, Liza del Rosario and Jojo Canare (women's).

The remaining slots are being contested by Mario Mansilungan, Benny Dytoc, Botchok Rey, Arnold Lecaros, Richie Pobleto, Irene Benitez, Arianne Cerdeña, Liza Clutario and Leah del Rosario.

King and Yap are also expected to lead the country's bid in this $25,000 event of the ABT Tour, to be telecast live by ESPN Star Sports, the organizer of the circuit.

The two-day tournament also serves as some kind of a preview of the SEA Games with Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia also seeing action in the tournament, the second leg of the eight-stage series culminating in the Grand Slam finals slated in Singapore later this year.



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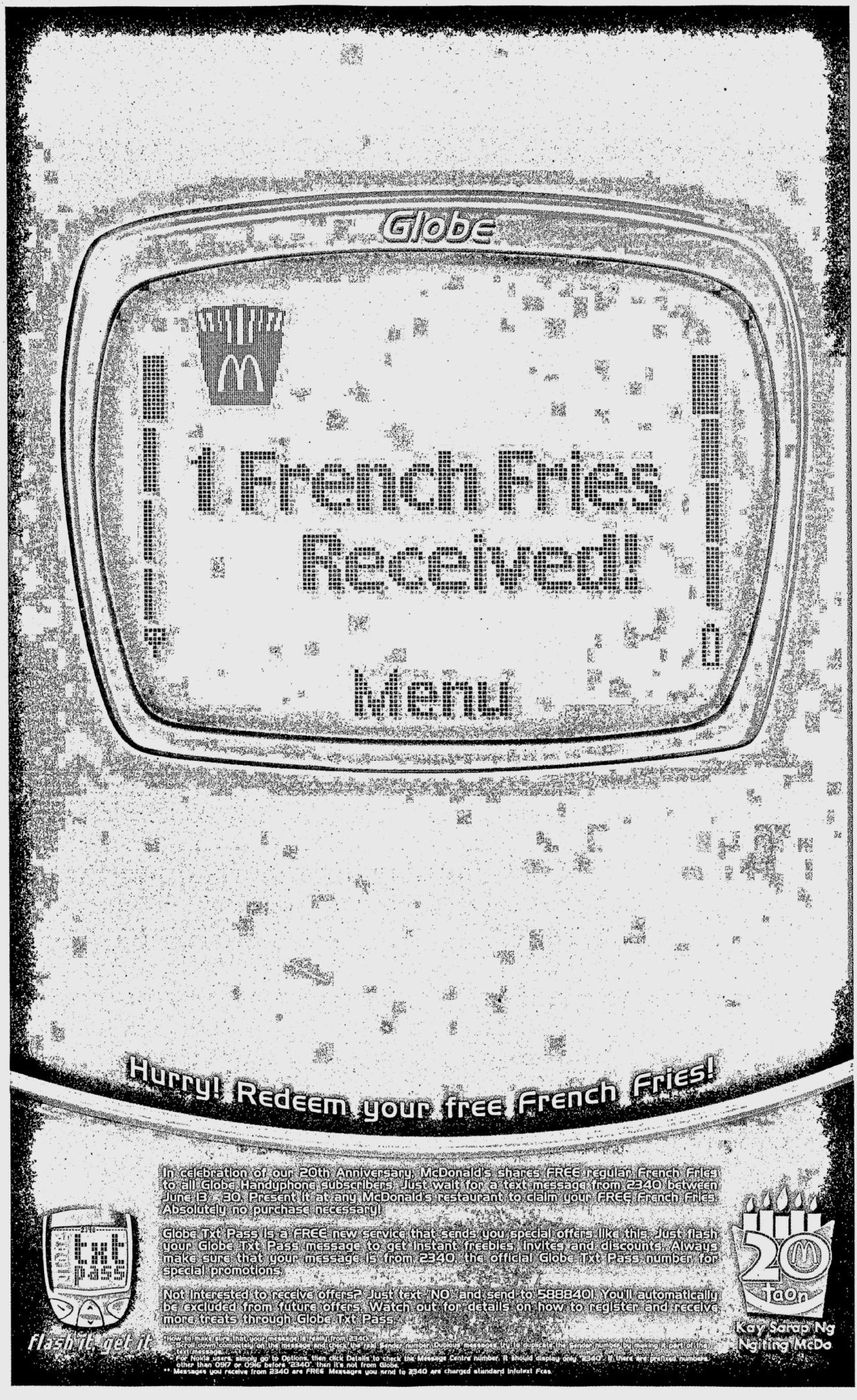

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■ 156,000 live under bridges, along esteros, says HUDCC A22

Taguig cop nabbed for Makati BPI rob

BY DAVE M. VERIDIANO

POLICE yesterday arrested a Taguig policeman said to be the brains behind a series of bank robberies, the latest of which was the Friday heist of a Bank of the Philippine Islands branch in Makati City.

Director General Leandro Mendoza, chief of the Philippine National Police, identified the suspect as Robert Teranova Provido, 35, an active member of the Taguig police.

Police intelligence men arrested Provido in his hideout at Purok 6, B-91, Upper Bicutan, Taguig, nine hours after he and five other men allegedly hit the BPI branch on the South Superhighway in Barangay Bangkal, Makati City about 2 p.m. Friday.

In a press conference yesterday, Mendoza and Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Joey Lina revealed that Provido had just posted bail for another criminal case pending before the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 154, when he allegedly robbed the bank.

"Bad eggs have no place in the PNP," Lina said as he ordered Mendoza to file charges against Provido and to dismiss him from the service immediately.

TAGUIG/ A22

Conservationists threaten to sue Atienza over Mehan

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

ENVIRONMENTALISTS and conservationists will take Manila Mayor Lito Atienza to court if he continues to refuse to compromise with them in the row over the construction of a campus in the city's Mehan Garden.

Lawyer Trixie Angeles, representing the National Commission on Culture and the Arts, told reporters during a press forum at the Sulo

CONSERVATIONISTS/ A22

Businesswoman's driver shot in Manila ambush

BY JEROME ANING

AN ALERT company driver who was driving his Chinese Filipino employer was shot even as he succeeded in escaping from armed men who waylaid them in Singalong, Manila yesterday morning.

Johnny Cerbo, 36, married and a company driver of Windtrade Corp. at 2366 Leon Guinto St. in Singalong, suffered a gunshot wound in the neck.

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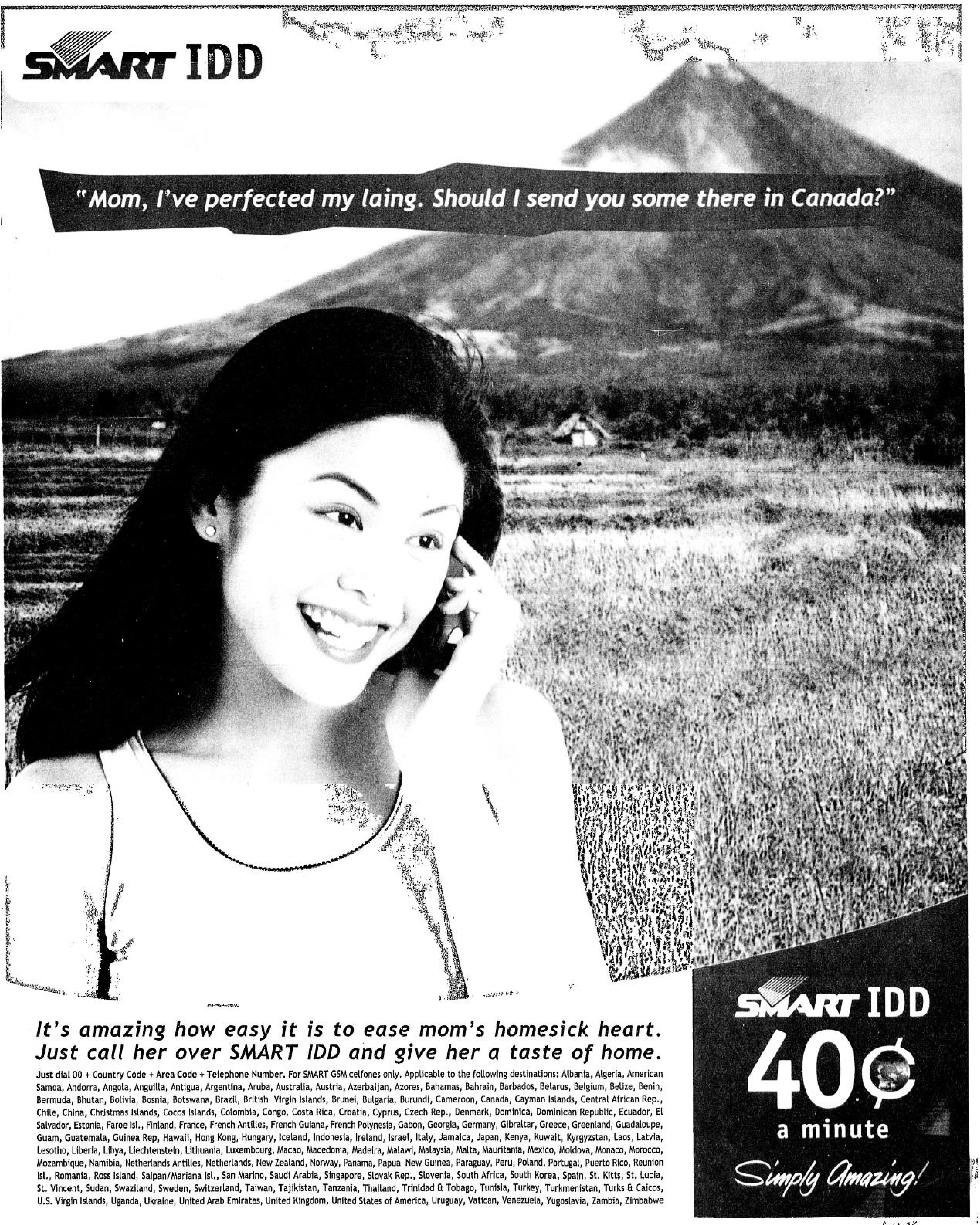
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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 24, 2001
Birth of John the Baptist

1st Reading: Is 49:1-6

Listen to me, O islands,
pay attention, peoples from distant lands.
Yahweh called me from my mother's womb;
he pronounced my name before I was born.
He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.
He hid me in the shadow of his land.
He made me into a polished arrow
set apart in his quiver.
He said to me, "You are Israel, my servant,
Through you I will be known."
"I have labored in vain," I thought
and spent my strength for nothing."
Yet what is due me was in the hand of
Yahweh, and my reward was with my God.
I am important in the sight of Yahweh,
and my God is my strength.
And now Yahweh has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him.
He said: "'Tis not enough
that you be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob,
to bring back the remnant of Israel
I will make you the light of the nations,
that my salvation will reach to the ends of
the earth."

2nd Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Paul said, "God raised up David as king, to whom he bore witness saying: *I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will do all I want him to do.*

It is from the descendants of David that God has now raised up the promised savior of Israel, Jesus. Before he appeared, John proclaimed a baptism of repentance for all the people of Israel. As John was ending his life's work, he said: 'I am not what you think I am, for after me another one is coming whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.'

Brothers, children and descendants of Abraham, and you also who fear God, it is to you that this message of salvation has been sent."

Gospel: Lk 1:57-66, 80

When the time came for Elizabeth, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the merciful Lord had done a wonderful thing for her and they rejoiced with her.

When on the eighth day they came to attend the circumcision of the child, they wanted to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." They said to her, "No one in your family has that name"; and they asked the father by means of signs for the name he wanted to give. Zechariah asked for a writing tablet and wrote on it, "His name is John," and they were very surprised. Immediately Zechariah could speak again and his first words were in praise of God.

A holy fear came on all in the neighborhood, and throughout the Hills of Judea the people talked about these events. All who heard of it pondered in their minds and wondered, "What will this child be?" For they understood that the hand of the Lord was with him.

As the child grew up, he was seen to be strong in the Spirit; he lived in the desert till the day when he appeared openly in Israel.

Commentary

Today's reading takes us to a central section in the Gospel of Luke. The disciples have witnessed Jesus, mighty in words and deeds, and are now to be introduced more intimately into the messianic secret. The section is introduced with the question about who Jesus is. Representing the disciples, Peter answered: "You are the Messiah." Their understanding of the Messiah is, however, still incomplete and is therefore unfit for proclamation. The core of Jesus' messianic mission lies in his suffering, death and resurrection. Only the disciples who are willing to follow the Master in his suffering and death will be able to grasp the full picture, and will thus be able to proclaim the Messiah properly as the Risen Lord. The disciples have still a long way to go.

Heavenly Father, teach us the mystery of your Son so that we may learn to follow him in his suffering and death in order to share in his resurrection.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CRIMINAL LAW (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)—Abuse of superior strength—The aggravating circumstance of abuse of superior strength depends on the age, size and strength of the parties. It is considered whenever there is a notorious inequality of forces between the victim and the aggressor, assessing a superiority of strength notoriously advantageous for the aggressor which is selected or taken advantage of by him in the commission of the crime. While it may be conceded that the three accused outnumbered the victim, who was unarmed, it must be pointed out that numerical superiority does not always mean abuse of superiority. Under the facts of the case, the two accused attacked the victim alternately, that is, one after the other. There was no notorious inequality of force shown to have been employed in the killing. In other words, the three accused die not secure advantage of their combined strength to perpetrate the crime with impunity. Indeed, when the attack was made on the victim alternately, there is no abuse of superior strength. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Quisumbing, Second Division, People v. Baltar, Jr., G.R. No. 125306, December 11, 2000]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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156,000 live under bridges, along esteros, says HUDCC

ABOUT 156,000 people—the equivalent of the population of a medium-size Philippine city—live under bridges or in shanties along waterways, government housing officials said in a report to Malacañang.

Housing Undersecretary Armando de Castro said his agency has so far counted 31,025 families living on the banks of rivers and esteros in the National Capital Region "but the actual number is definitely higher" since the census did not cover all creeks.

De Castro, secretary general of the five-agency Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), made the estimate as authorities brace for monsoon season floods, often causing the evacuation of "informal dwellers" near waterways.

A third of riverbank dwellers, or 9,978 families, are found along the Pasig River, while the rest live along the esteros that crisscross the metropolis, he said.

Because waterways are considered "danger zones" and therefore off-limits to human habitation, the government is preparing measures on how to put estero dwellers "out of harm's way," he said.

But the cost of relocating them to "full-facility" settlements is staggering, De Castro said. By his estimate, it would cost the cash-strapped government P1.340 billion to move almost 10,500 estero families, or just one-third of the total, to relocation sites.

One reason why the cost is that high, De Castro explained, is the policy of the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that resettlement sites, in addition to housing units, must be provided with school, clinics, daycare centers, markets, garbage systems, production centers and public transport.

"The era of just dumping informal dwellers in places lacking basic services is over," De Castro said.

He said affected families will participate in their own relocation plans "so when they will finally move out it will be a voluntary act and an informed decision on their part. We even organize field trips to where they will transfer."

De Castro said the government has a "policy bias" toward in-city relocation "whenever possible" and for medium-rise structures which are "the most appropriate when land is scarce."

2 drug suspects fall in UP campus buy-bust operation

By Philip C. Tubeza

POLICE arrested two of three alleged drug pushers and confiscated from them four blocks of dried marijuana leaves on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City.

Suspects Maria Mila P. Bagona, 31, of San Mateo, Rizal and Abe U. Solario, 25, of 141 Katuparan Street, Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City, were arrested during a buy-bust operation Friday night, said Supt. Ronaldo R. Mendoza, of the Central Police District's Drug Enforcement Unit.

A third suspect, identified only as "Terry Ong," escaped in the confusion, Mendoza added.

He said the suspects had been under surveillance for a long time.

On Friday, police decided to put an end to their nefarious trade and conducted a drug operation against the three.

At 9 p.m., a police undercover agent met the suspects at the corner of Saint Francis and Fatima streets in Pook Dagohoy, inside the UP campus, and offered to buy from them P500 worth of marijuana, Mendoza said.

Police pounced on the suspects as soon as Solario took the marked P500 bill from the DEU agent.

The lawmen were able to arrest Bagona and Solario but the third suspect escaped during the commotion.

Police were surprised to find four blocks of dried marijuana from a bag Solario was carrying.

The marijuana blocks were taken to the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory for further tests, Mendoza said.

The suspects are now detained at the DEU office in Camp Karingal, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City.

Mendoza said the suspects will be charged for violating RA 6425 before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

Barangay chair sues tabloid for linking her to ambush

A BARANGAY chair has filed a P5-million libel lawsuit against a reporter, two editors and the publisher of the government-owned tabloid People's Sunday Tonight for naming her as the brains behind the April 2 ambush-slaying of a city prosecutor's son.

Ligaya Santos, chair of Barangay 659-A in Ermita, said the tabloid destroyed her reputation as a government official and private citizen when it published on June 17 that she had been "formally charged with murder" after she was identified as the alleged plotter of the killing of Francis Orda.

Named respondents in the three-page complaint were reporter Renato Quilicol, publisher Nemesio Antonio Jr., managing editor Paul Icamina and news editor Berteni Causing.

Also named in the suit were Barangay 659-A council member Dennis Regala and his father Ernesto, who were both quoted by the tabloid as the ones who revealed that Santos masterminded the murder.

Orda's father, city assistant prosecutor Domingo Orda Jr., was also included in the suit, although he was not quoted in the report.

The young Orda was on board his father's car on his way to their residence at Better Living Subdivision, Parañaque City when unidentified armed men shot him. The young Orda died on the spot.

Parañaque police on April 7 arrested Rolly Tonion and Jhunray Soriano as suspects. Despite their strong denials, the two were charged in a city court and detained without bail.

But the tabloid paper said that on June 7, the Regalas executed an affidavit claiming they overheard Santos plotting the ambush of the prosecutor.

The newspaper said the barangay chair and the city prosecutor had been at odds as Santos reportedly wanted to control a *sari-sari* store run by the prosecutor at the Light Rail Transit Central Station on Arroceros Street.

Santos, however, vehemently denied that she was formally charged with murder before a Parañaque court.

The chair also noted that the tabloid said reporter Quilicol was "next in line in the death list of Santos" because of the several articles he wrote about the chair's "multimillion-peso collection from illegal parking in Plaza Lawton."

Jerome Aning

430-year-old Manila honors achievers

AS PART of its 430th Foundation Day celebration, the City of Manila yesterday honored 11 Manileños for their service to the city and its residents.

Conferring the award of Outstanding Manilans to the honorees were Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, who was the guest of honor, and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza.

The honorees are Federico A. Alcuaz, arts and painting; Angelo Varretto, international sports car racing; Msgr. Melchor D. David, spiritual leadership and civic action; Dante Yap Go, socio-civic leadership and responsibility; Tiya Dely M. Magpayo, radio/TV, broadcast, theater; barangay chair Ramon D. Morales, barangay governance and civic volunteerism; Ms Virginia R. Moreno, literature and filmmaking; Dr. Corazon D. Santiago, public education administration and socio-civic advocacy; George S. K. Ty, business-finance and socio-civic advocacy; and lawyer Bobby P. Yuseco, public and government service and legal advocacy.

In his speech, Romulo said Manila has the distinction of being the melting pot of the country's rich history and culture and of being the birthplace of heroes such as Andres Bonifacio, even as it continues to produce Manileños who have distinguished themselves and have brought honor and prestige to their beloved city.

Atienza said Manileños should be inspired by the example that the Outstanding Manileños have set.

"We will always be proud of Manileños like you," Atienza said. "The City of Manila and its residents will forever be grateful for your genuine and selfless service to the city."

Teacher education conference

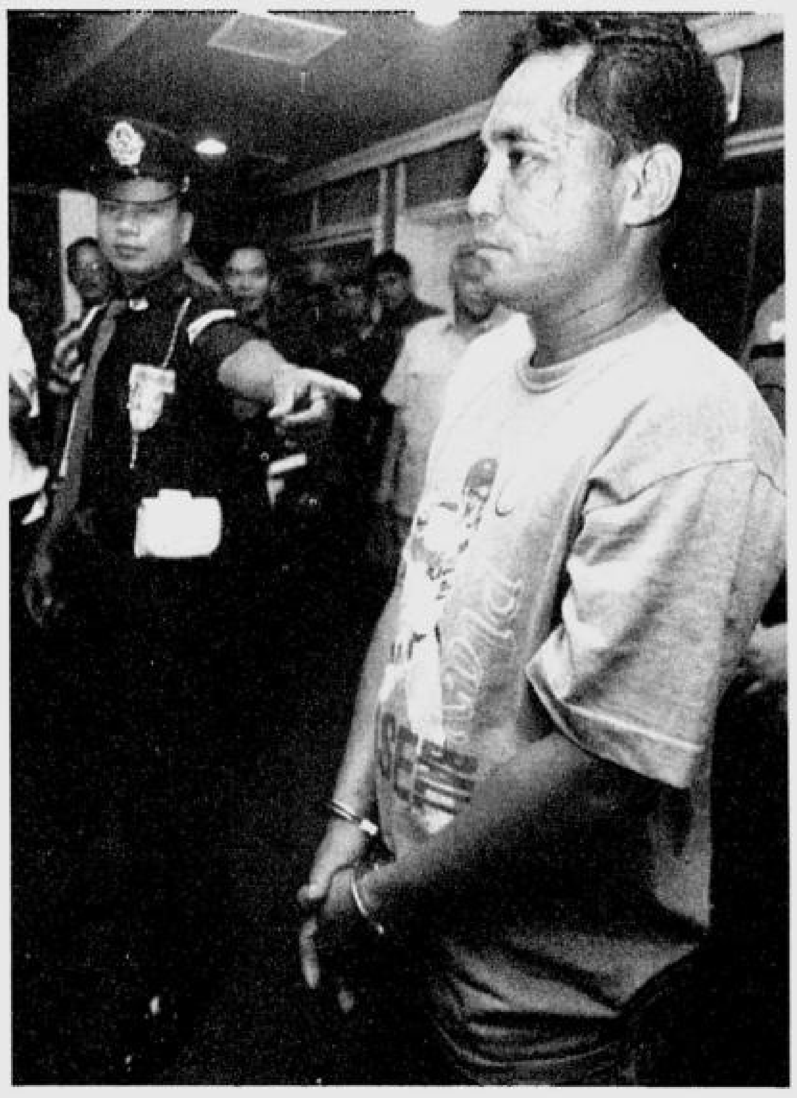
THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines College of Education will hold the second International Conference on Teacher Education on July 4 to 6, 2001 at the Manila Galleria Suites at 1 Asian Development Bank Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

This year's theme is "Vision in Action in Teacher Education for the 21st Century."

Stephen Hill, director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for Indonesia and the Philippines, is the conference keynote speaker.

Major speakers from different countries will discuss critical global concerns like environment, peace, science and technology, culture, communications, health and population and how they interface with teacher education.

Registration fees are P5,000 for local participants and US$300 for foreign participants. The fees will include participation in all sessions of the conference, conference materials, snacks and meals. Registration forms may be obtained on site or may be downloaded at the college web site, www.upd.edu.ph/~ced. Follow the link to ICTEd 2001. The registration forms may be sent via e-mail, snail mail or may be hand-carried to the conference.



FINGERED by bank security guard Romulo Gayoso is PO3 Robert Provido of Taguig police. EDWIN BACASMAS

Taguig cop nabbed . . .

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Provido's arrest came a day after police caught 12 members of a kidnap-for-ransom syndicate operating in Metro Manila and Central Luzon.

Police records showed Provido was participating in a law enforcement enhancement course at the National Capital Regional Police Office in Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan, Taguig when he and his group allegedly pulled off the bank heists.

During the BPI robbery, the men in Provido's group indiscriminately fired their guns and wounded security guard Arnold Alejo.

Makati police launched a manhunt against Provido, a native of Villa, Iloilo City, after witnesses identified him as one of the bank robbers.

A BPI security guard corroborated witnesses' testimony when Provido was presented to him in a police lineup.

Mendoza said operations were still ongoing against the other members of Provido's group.

Conservationists . . .

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Hotel in Quezon City that the group would file criminal charges against Atienza if the row would not be resolved amicably within the next two weeks.

Civil society groups are up in arms because Atienza wants to build the City College of Manila at the Mehan Garden, which is a recognized historical site.

Angeles said that, under the National Historical Institute (NHI) law, the mayor could face a jail term of six years, plus a fine, for the destruction and defacement of a "declared historical site."

Atienza allegedly allowed the start of construction work at the garden without a permit from the NHI.

The NHI law also requires NHI experts to be present during the construction. This has not happened, Angeles said.

She said the group is also studying the possibility of filing administrative charges before the Ombudsman against Atienza for "knowingly" violating the law.

She pointed out that a public official is liable if the official, "knowing what the law is, still refuses to comply with the law."

She added that civil society groups are also thinking of asking the courts for a temporary restraining order to stop the construction at the Mehan Garden.

Angeles, however, emphasized that they still want to settle the row amicably with the mayor.

"We are contemplating legal action," she said. "However, we are trying to exhaust all possibilities (hoping) that the mayor will still listen to cultural concerns and furthermore comply with the law."

She pointed out that the city college could be transferred to the Ramon Avance¤a High School "which is half-empty."

Angeles said they could even help the city government in the engineering and feasibility studies for alternative sites.

But if Atienza would not relent, the civil society still has another recourse, she said.

The National Museum could deputize policemen to "secure the site," she said.

Businesswoman's . . .

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Supt. Amador Pabustan of the Western Police District Station 9 said the shooting happened while Cerbo was driving the company's service vehicle, a light gold Toyota Previa (WYU-222), with businesswoman Cherry Go Cuen, 29, on board.

The Previa was moving along Alejo Aquino Street in Singalong when a maroon Toyota Revo (WCF-113) blocked its path at the corner of Aquino and Estrada streets at 9:40 a.m., Cuen told police.

She said the men on board the Revo were armed with handguns and wore a dark green uniform complete with a badge and a vest.

Cerbo shifted to reverse but the gunmen alighted from the Revo and fire at the Previa, hitting the driver once in the right side of the neck. Police said.

The front and both sides of the Previa sustained about 10 bullet holes, investigators said, adding they found empty .45-caliber shells, a slug of unknown caliber and a loaded carbine magazine at the ambush site.

Although injured, Cerbo was able to drive to safety, crossing the South Luzon Expressway way toward Makati and driving on to St. Claire's Hospital in Palanan, police said

The suspects escaped just before the arrival of members of the Singalong police community precinct led by Insp. Luis Saulon. The policemen were informed about the shooting by barangay officials.

Dr. Jon Esimos declared Cerbo out of danger but barred him from talking to investigators to prevent infection of his neck wound.

Superintendent Pabustan said his men were still investigating the case and trying to identify Cerbo's attackers.

JIMENEZ

Action on MJ motion deferred

By Jerome Aning

A MANILA regional trial court judge has refused to rule on a motion by congressman-elect Mark Jimenez asking for an early ruling on the extradition case filed against him by the government.

In a hearing last Friday, Judge Guillermo Purganan of RTC Branch 42 told Jimenez's counsel Mario Bautista that the court would defer action on the motion until actual hearings have started on the main Department of Justice petition.

The pre-trial hearing is slated for July 24. The judge said only then would he issue any ruling on the alleged grounds for dismissal filed by the defense.

The Bautista petition prayed for the dismissal of the extradition case, saying it was filed by the US government "based on probable cause and not on prima facie evidence, leading to a failure to state course of action."

Bautista said the case also had a "defective certification on non-forum shopping." He added that the case is premature since the Department of Foreign Affairs did not make a proper determination on the case before endorsing it to the DOJ, as required under the RP-US Extradition Treaty.

Jimenez — Mario Crespo in real life — was indicted by a federal grand jury in Florida last year for tax evasion and illegal campaign contributions. He returned to the Philippines and was appointed adviser on Latin American affairs by then President Joseph Estrada.

Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez, who was present in the morning hearing, expressed satisfaction with the pace of the trial, despite Purganan's decision.

Gutierrez said focus would now go to resolving whether or not Jimenez should be arrested and granted bail, and to resolving the extradition case itself.

"Now everything is being done (based) on the normal procedures," she said.

Bautista said he too was "pleased" that the proceedings were moving "fairly quickly" as he noted that both parties have not filed any motion for postponement or extension of time to file pleadings.

Bautista was also the lawyer of former Equitable-PCIBank official Clarissa Ocampo during the Estrada impeachment trial.

He said a decision on the Jimenez extradition "would be a landmark decision since basic constitutional rights issues in relation to extradition are involved."

Boy, 12, arrested for rape

A 12-YEAR-OLD Grade I student in Caloocan was arrested for allegedly raping his eight-year-old schoolmate last week.

The boy and the girl, who are also neighbors in Riverside, Barangay Bagong Silang, Caloocan, were playing in a vacant lot near their homes when the incident happened about 5 p.m. on June 19, investigators said.

Barangay security officials picked up the boy and took him to the Children and Women's Desk at Caloocan police station 1. *Philip C. Tubeza*

Lamangan: If Steven Seagal can curse in movies, why can't Maricel Soriano?

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

DIRECTOR **Joel Lamangan** lashes at the present board of censors for the initial rating it gave his new movie, Star Cinema's "Mila," starring **Maricel Soriano.**

The three members of the review committee that screened "Mila" gave the film different classifications. **Raquel Villavicencio** and **Kryp Yuson** classified it PG-13, meaning the film is not suited to viewers 13 years old and below, unless with parental guidance. **Feliciana Olalia** gave it an R-18 rating, restricting it to adult viewing.

Olalia cited the invectives used in the movie. Maricel cursed in Tagalog and costar **Cherry Pie Picache** did the same.

"Just because of the two *'p . . . ina'* uttered by my stars, they will give the movie an R-18?" a furious Lamangan says. "How come in Hollywood movies, you hear **Steven Seagal** saying 'f. . . you' and not one censor dares to cut it? Why, because it's in English? So why can't Maricel Soriano do it?"

Lamangan admits he was surprised when "Mila" was given an R-18 classification by a member of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB).

"The movie doesn't even have a love scene," he says. "The only time Maricel is seen in bed, she has a blanket, establishing that her love-making with **Piolo Pascual** is already over. Maricel doesn't show anything."

Last Thursday, however, "Mila" was finally given a PG-13 classification. Yet, Lamangan says, censors chair **Alejandro "Anding" Roces Jr.** wanted to overturn the decision of the screening committee and retain the initial R-18 classification Olalia gave the movie.

"That clearly means that Roces does not trust his review committee," Lamangan says. "Doesn't he know that even the MTRCB chair cannot overturn the decision of the review committee? If he will do it, then he should be the one to decide the classification of every movie. They can do away with the review committees.

"During the term of *Tita* Mids (**Armida Siguion-Reyna**), none of this would have happened. Not that she was lenient. But because Tita Midz is also an actress and producer, she knows very well what to consider before she approves the classification of a particular movie."

Lamangan also blames the present board for the continuing fall of the Philippine movie industry.

"With the kind of censors that we have, how can we prosper?" he rues. "They do not love the industry. The mere fact that their perception of how a film should be classified is very narrow clearly means they don't have any concern about the industry."

Lamangan believes the local film industry will continue to sink unless the government does something about the competition from Hollywood movies.

"There's got to be a certain control on the influx of foreign movies," Lamangan maintains. "*Hindi dapat matalo ng* Hollywood movies *ang* local films. Otherwise, the local movie industry will die, just like what happened in Europe and other Asian countries.

"The gap is so wide now between Hollywood and local movies. Do local films always have to struggle in our theaters? I am not saying that we should stop showing foreign movies in the country, but we should propagate Filipino movies."

He also calls for government support for the film industry.

"Perhaps this government does not see the industry as an economic sector or an important component of nation-building," he says. "The film industry in other parts of the world is supported by the state.

"It's a pity it doesn't happen here in the Philippines. They look at the show biz stars only as people who can entertain, who sing or dance in their political rallies. I look forward to the day when the industry will really prosper."

First for Star

"MILA" is Lamangan's first directorial job for Star Cinema. He has charted award-winning masterpieces in his 10-year career as a film director, including the film-bio of domestic helper **Flor Contemplacion.** But in "Mila," Lamangan works with material that is closer to his heart.

Maricel Soriano plays a poor but principled school teacher who refuses to let life's hardships put her down.

Lamangan is also a teacher in real life, although not in a public school but in private schools like De La Salle University and St. Scholastica's.

"Mila," with a script by **Ricky Lee,** was inspired by the story of **Anita Pamintuan,** the public school teacher who died while on a hunger strike to fight for her rights. Instead of producing Pamintuan's bio-pic, Star Cinema opted for a fictional story with a general character that every viewer can relate to.

"Mila is not just a teacher," Lamangan explains. "She's a symbol of courage and strength and the will to fight no matter what

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LAMANGAN. Censors to blame for the industry's downfall.

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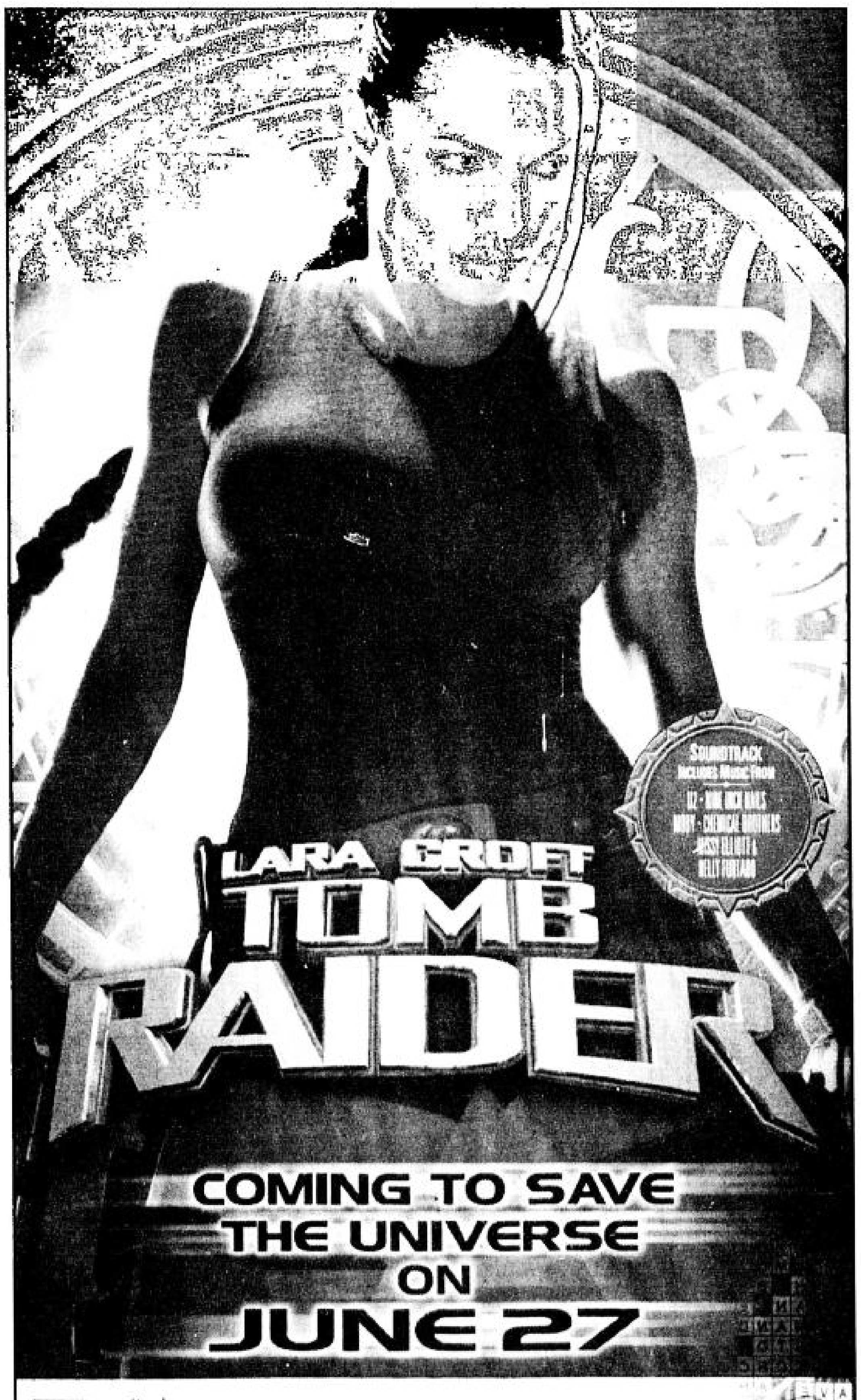

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'HEAD OVER HEELS'

A showcase of pretty faces

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.

TO SUM up what I feel about "Head Over Heels," I'd like to paraphrase a line from the television series "Rising Son." There are last things, and things that last.

This film is neither.

It's especially hard to bash something that a lot of people put their time and money into, but even if you just want to while away an hour and a half of your day, spending the time inside a theater watching this movie would be a regrettable investment.

REVIEW

I was somewhat pleased knowing that it would be easy to expunge this film from memory once I'm done with the review. But I also dread the unfortunate reality that there'll probably be more films like this, purely commercial films that would further lower the bar of the typical romantic comedy.

"Head Over Heels" offers fodder for the brain-dead, but doesn't even offer fresh ones. I wonder why it took two people (Ron Church and David Kidd) to come up with a screenplay that essentially only copies the toilet and slapstick humor of other brainless romantic comedies.

Yet, despite the tag team, the movie can't even hold its narrative together. It infuses a smorgasbord of concerns that makes it—at different points—a love story, a thriller and a full-length fashion TV feature, effectively settling at nothing and going nowhere.

Roberts without the oomph

The opening half of the movie revolves around the travails of loveless Amanda Pierce who is played by Monica Potter, an actress whose screen presence make's you think, "Where have I seen this girl before? And why is she the one playing lead?"

Potter looks like a young, budding Julia Roberts, without the oomph, which is just as well considering she is paired with Freddie Prinze Jr. who . . . well . . . who could be nothing more than Freddie Prinze Jr. in this movie.

Amanda is a simple, innocent, small-town girl who moves to New York to work as an art restorer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She finds comfort in the timeless, romantic quality of the Renaissance paintings she works on because her own love life is the pits.

She's had a string of bad relationships and her last boyfriend dumped her for a model. She soon finds herself looking for a new apartment and ends up being accommodated by—what do you know—four ditzy models in their spacious Manhattan loft.

She bumps into Jim Winston, a dashing fashion executive who literally makes her weak in the knees. It turns out Jim lives in an apartment across the street, in perfect view of Monica and company whose voyeuristic pleasures he unknowingly indulges. The models think Jim is Mr. Perfect, but Amanda's ghost of relationships past tells her he's too perfect, and her paranoia is proved correct when one night while watching through the windows of his apartment, she sees him apparently bludgeoning a woman to death with a baseball bat.

Cut and paste

At this point, the movie shifts into a Hitchcock-like thriller without totally abandoning its nature as a romantic comedy, as Amanda with the aid of her bumbling model-friends try to investigate the murder.

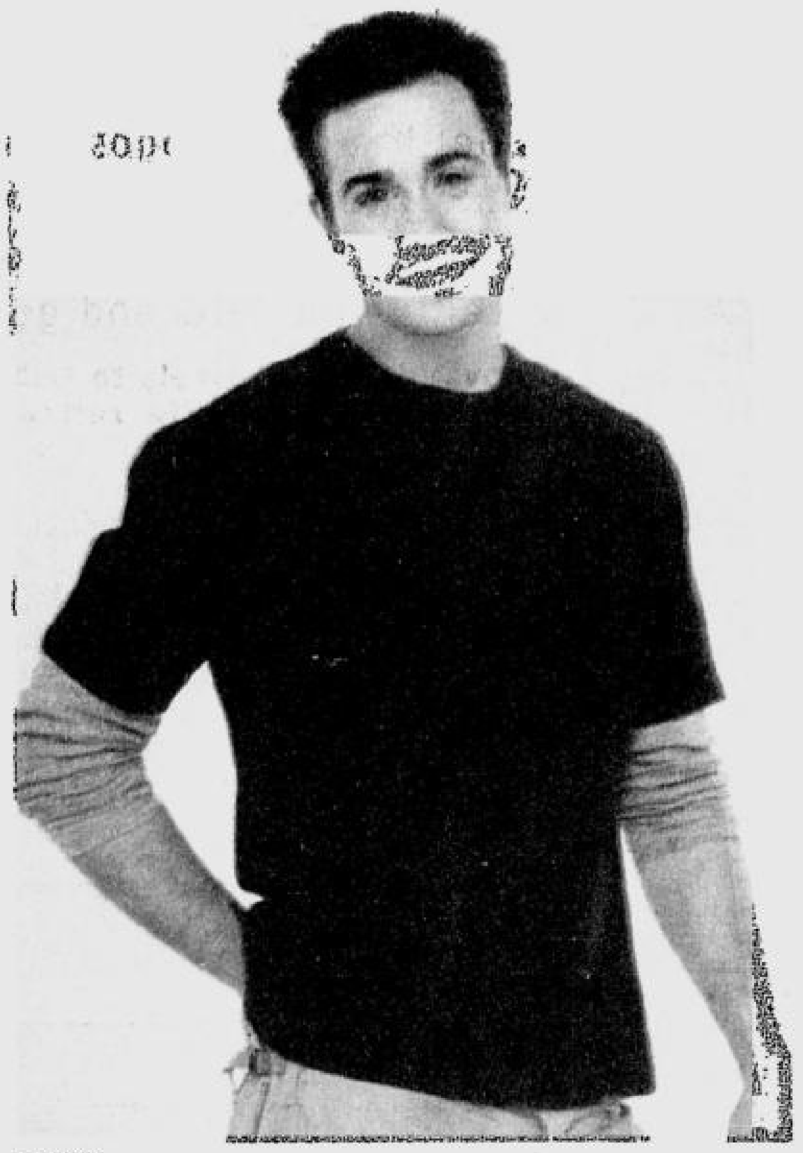
Some movies have managed to be brilliant by crossbreeding comedy and suspense, seriousness and absurdity, reality and fancy. But brilliance entails telling a compelling story. Given a flimsy script, director Mark Waters decides to use a cut-and-paste approach that makes "Head Over Heels" look like an extended TV sitcom more than anything else.

We are led through one gag after another with nothing but pop songs driving the scenes. The thriller elements don't really thrill. The love story is a hard sell. The comedy is dead in the water. And the film is relegated to nothing more than a showcase of pretty faces.

"Head Over Heels" seems to have but one saving grace: Belinda Carlisle's infectious belting of the popular Go-Gos song "Head Over Heels," which scores the segment where the girls do some sleuthing on Prinze.

That song still makes me want to get up and slam dance, for I grew up in the '80s. It's nice to hear it again, especially in a theater where the loud digital sound system makes me think about those high school dances in the gym.

But the moment of nostalgia is soon over and the sitcom resumes. The Go-Gos' "Head Over Heels" music video is almost certainly more gratifying.



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the consequences are."

"Mila" will have a special invitational premiere tomorrow night at the Rockwell Power Plant, sponsored by Cinema One. The event will be graced by the lead star, the director and supporting cast—**Cherry Pie Picache**, **Princess Punzalan**, **Kathleen Hermosa**, **Kaye Abad**, **Angelica Panganiban** and **Serena Dalrymple**.

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Clarification

TALENT manager **Joji Dingcong** was on the phone early Friday morning to correct our column item that he would join GMA 7's show biz oriented show, "S-Files," as a segment host starting today.

While Joji admitted he was really offered by GMA to join "S-Files," he clarified that he politely turned down the offer.

"Even before **Lyn Ching** was there, I had been asked by **Wilma Galvante** to do a segment for 'S-Files'," Joji says. "But it's impossible for me to do it because I have 14 talents to handle."

He was therefore surprised last Friday when his friends and talents started congratulating him.

"Even **Martin** (**Nievera**) congratulated me and was even giving me pointers about TV hosting," Joji says.

Joji manages 14 stars—including Martin, **Jaya**, **Piolo Pascual**, **Cogie Domingo**, **Vina Morales** and **Ian Veneracion**—and apparently does not always have the time to appear on TV every Sunday.

He says TV hosting is definitely not among his plans at the moment.

"I deal with both GMA and ABS-CBN for my talents, so I don't want to antagonize either of them," he explains. "But if I decide to start a TV career, it will be with GMA because it's the one that offered me a slot first."

'Survivor' cast-off to pose nude for Playboy

LOS ANGELES—Yet another cast-off of a "reality television" show is exposing more of herself than we saw on the prime-time hit: Jerri Manthey, formerly of "Survivor: The Australian Outback," will appear in "Playboy."

The news was leaked by fellow contestant Amber Brkich, who told Craig Kilborn on Monday's "Late Late Show" that Manthey would be appearing 'au naturel' in the men's magazine.

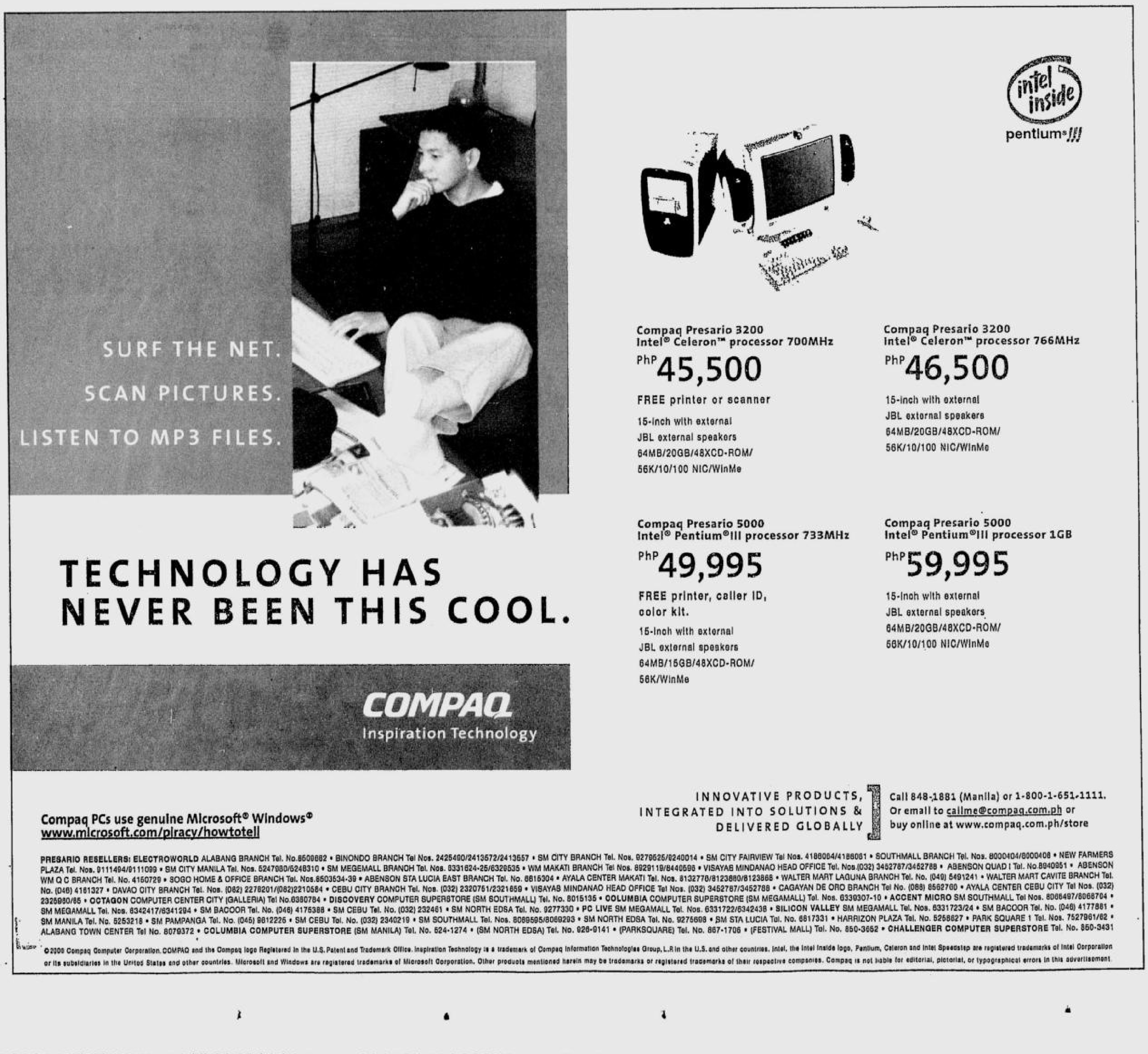
Brkich posed for September's "Stuff" magazine.

Manthey's personal publicist (she has a publicist?) confirmed the rumor to the New York Post. And while Playboy won't confirm the story, it doesn't deny it either.

A source at CBS, the network that signed Manthey to "Survivor," said it approved the spread, calling the decision to pose nude a personal choice.

Manthey is still under contract to CBS and the show "Survivor."

Her photo-spread will appear in the magazine's September issue, the New York Post said. *AFP*



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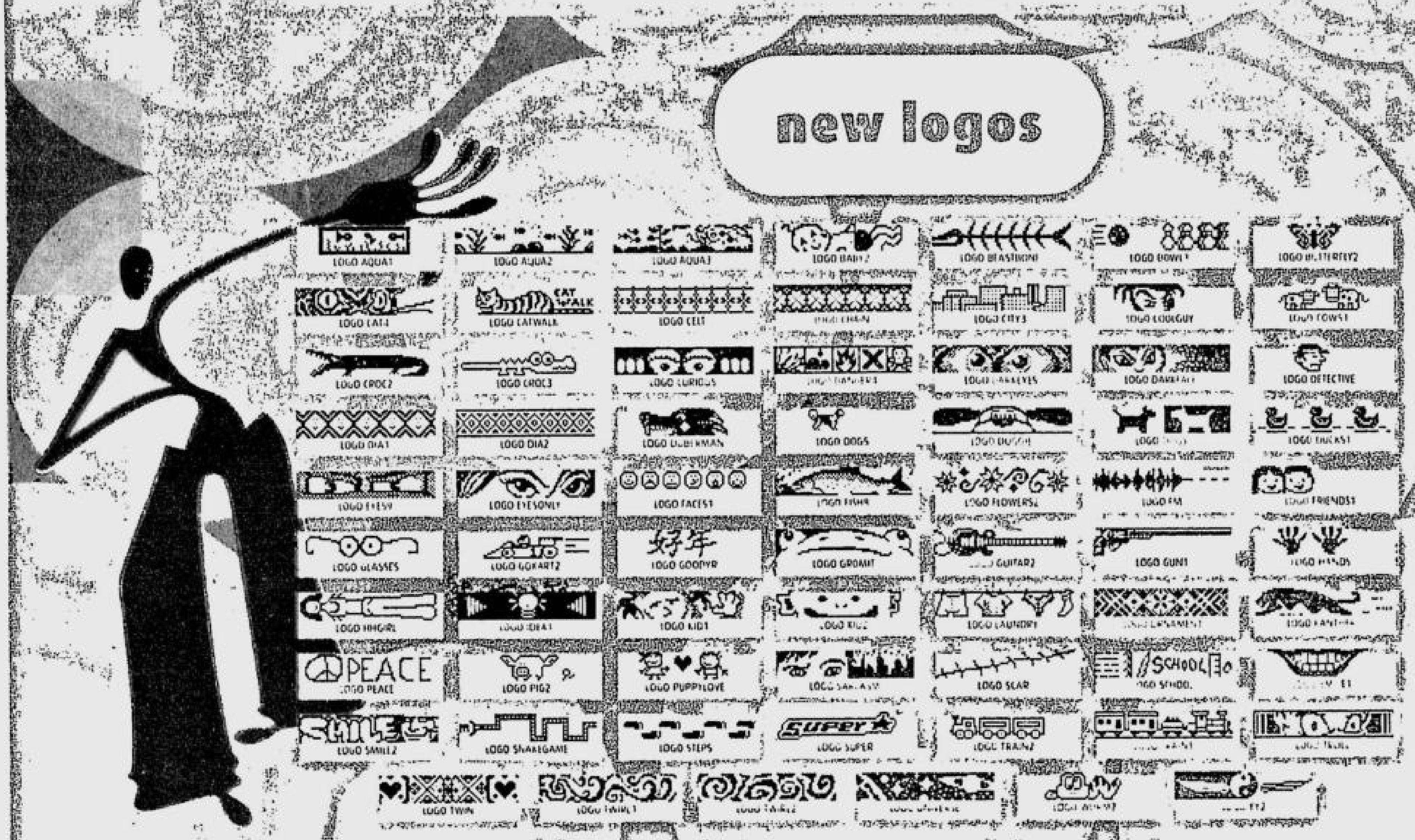

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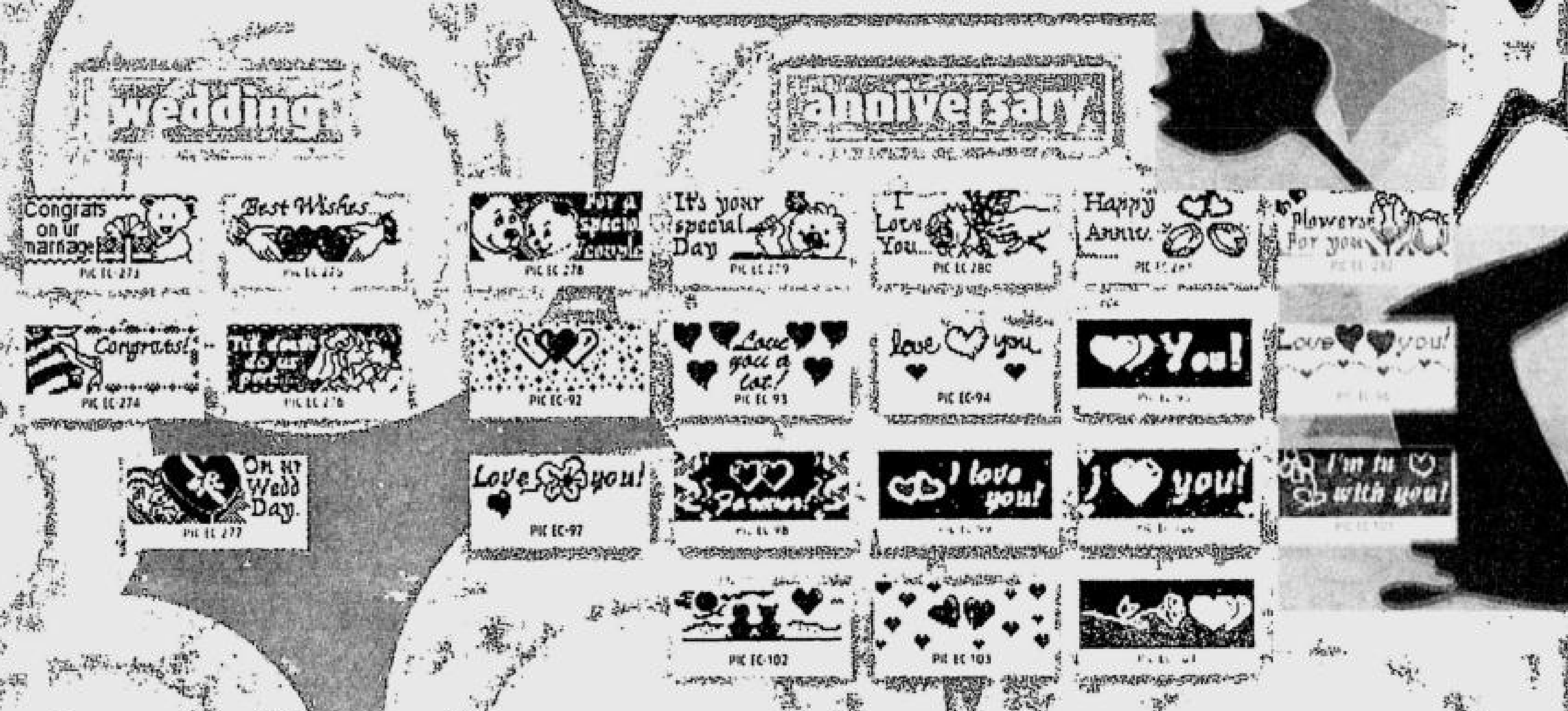

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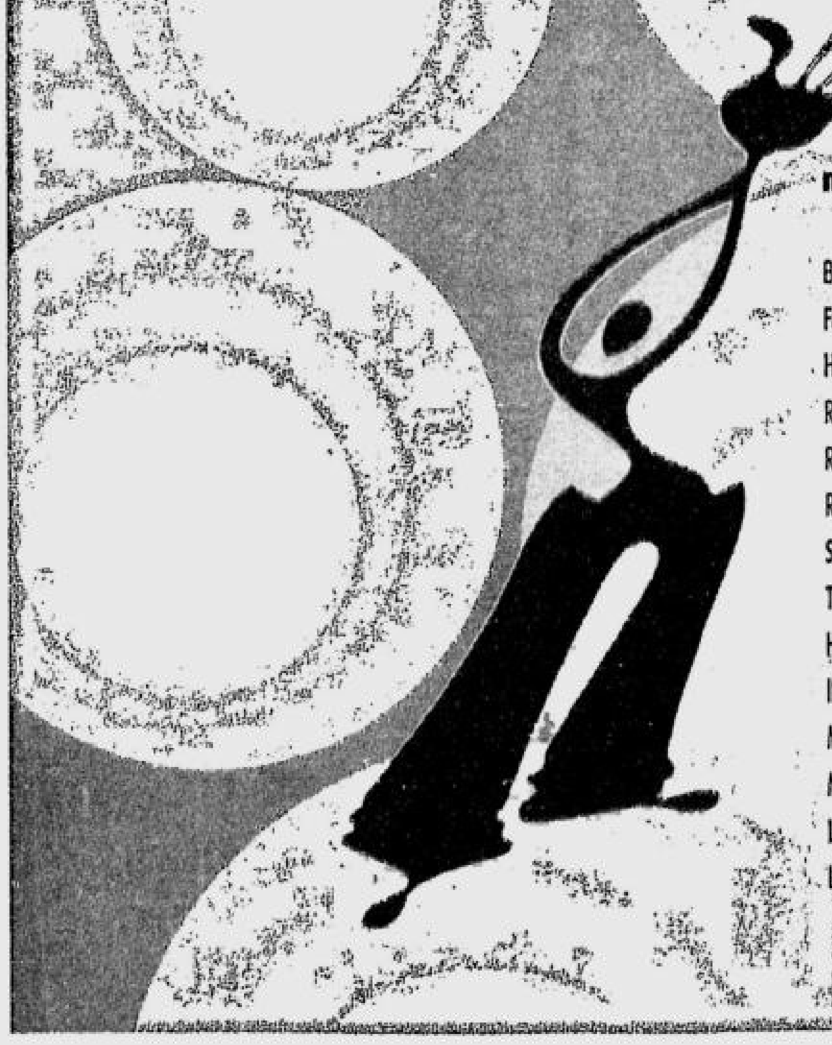

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CAMPUS Radio, with Channel V, premieres the action-packed fantasy film, "Lara Croft: Tombraider," starring Oscar best supporting actress Angelina Jolie, 7:30 p.m. on June 25, Robinson's Galleria Cinema 2.

The movie chronicles the adventures of the phenomenal video game heroine Lara Croft, who stumbles upon a mysterious clock that has the power to open both time and space.

Before the screening, Campus Radio will award cash and gift prizes to the winners of the Lara Croft art contest.

Meanwhile, MTV Philippines Channel 41 also premieres "Tombraider," June 26 at Glorietta 4 Cinema 6.

The first 50 people who come dressed as Lara Croft get in for free.

"Tombraider" also stars Jon Voight as Lord Croft, Iain Glen as Manfred Powell, Daniel Craig as Alex West, Noah Taylor as Bryce and Richard Johnson as the Distinguished Gentleman. The movie is directed by Simon West.

The MTV Philippines premiere is also presented by Kickers, Juicy Fruit Gum and KFC, with Gandour Soudan, Time Depot and Outback Restaurant as co-sponsors.

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Kiray is fast making a name for himself in the stand-up comedy act. He is now one of the most sought-after performers in sing-along joints, following in the footsteps of Ai-Ai de las Alas, Arnel Ignacio and Allan K, among others.

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Textured performances in 'Buhay Kamao'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

IS director **Joyce Bernal** losing her touch?—That was the question that this viewer asked himself after 30 minutes of watching Bernal's latest film, "Buhay Kamao."

The movie's theme and plot weren't bad, but they were pretty standard, and had definitely been done before. Its story about a young pugilist (**Robin Padilla**) who hung up his boxing gloves after his older brother died in the ring. Has been seen in different guises in films like "Rocky," "Raging Bull" and "Banta ng Kahapon."

But what really became cause for genuine concern was the movie's seemingly episodic and lethargic way of telling its story. Its introduction of supporting characters was disjointed.

As a result, the disparate scenes variously involving Robin's trainer (**Spanky Manikan**), the trainer's pert and precocious daughter, a hood (**Raymond Bagatsing**) and his floozie (**Rica Peralejo**), Robin's father and mother, and his two best buddies (**Bobby Andrews** and **John Lapus**) take place in a generally desultory fashion, and the film's plot has a hard time thickening.

Happily, this low, unfocused section eventually clarifies and rationalizes itself in a dramatically dynamic way. The key scene is the one in which Robin, Bobby and John go out at night, as they are wont to do, and then the evening turns out to be not at all standard because Bobby announces that he's about to leave for Canada.

The scene is beautifully staged and played, as the three friends say goodbye, each in his own way—but not in so many words. The tangential yet fiercely focused quality of this scene shows that director Bernal has not lost her touch.

Once again, she elicits a relatively natural performance from Robin, who tends to overact when he's handled by some other directors. Textured performances are also turned in by Spanky Manikan and new child actress **Kristine Mangle**, who plays his daughter.

John Lapus has an interesting character here: he's still gay, but he tries to play it straight. On the other hand, Bagatsing is wasted in a relatively uneventful role, while Peralejo's performance is made irritating by her tinny, little voice.

In terms of plotting, the big deal in this movie is Robin's decision to throw a fight to make enough money to get his father out of a legal mess. Later, he makes amends by facing up to the much taller and heftier boxer (**David Bunevacz**) whose blows killed his brother.

Fine, but the physical disparity between Padilla and Bunevacz is not to be believed, and Padilla's Fighting style is too rough to be credible as that of a trained boxer. Also, the issue of fight-fixing is dropped, unresolved, after it has served its purpose in the movie's plot. Still, the film has enough plus points to be worth a trip to your nearest cineplex.

Stars join Milo Marathon

MORE movie stars have joined the 25th Milo Marathon, which kicks off at 6 a.m. today, June 24, in Metro Manila, at the PICC Grounds in Pasay City.

They include **Onemig Bondoc, Ann Curtis, Jake Roxas, Goyong and Shaina Magdayao.**

The Milo Marathon seeks to encourage the sport of running as part of an active and healthy lifestyle, especially among young people.

'SURVIVOR'

Fairly good

REVIEW

DESTINY'S Child is one of today's hottest pop/R&B group composed of Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams.

They got their break with their second album, "The Writing's on the Wall," that has three chart-topping hits, including "Say My Name," Grammy winner for both Best R&B Song and Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group. The album platinum seven times.

The other hits from that album were "Jumpin, Jumpin" and "Bug-a-Boo."

Childhood friends Kelly and Beyoncé had been singing together for years in Houston, Texas, when they formed Destiny's Child as a quartet in the mid-'90s.

Two original members departed and one replacement briefly entered the picture before Beyoncé and Kelly found Michelle, who complimented their sound with her voice and whose personality clicked perfectly with theirs.

"I started singing in church choirs and gospel groups—I think I was seven when I had my first solo—and did that all the way up until college," says Michelle. "So I pretty much stopped right out the backdoor of church into the group."

The bond the three women formed fostered a faith and appreciation of one another as artists and specifically allowed Kelly and Michelle to trust Beyoncé not only as a writer but also as a producer.

For the song "Emotion," Beyoncé has co-producers, one of whom is Mark Feist who was based here a few years ago but is now in Los Angeles. The song was written by the Bee Gees and was sung originally by Samantha Sang.

For the entire 2000, the Destiny's Child singles were on the Billboard charts. Their previous two albums have sold more than 15 million copies worldwide.

Their latest album, "Survivor," broke with the song of the same title and was on the Top 10 charts in Europe, the UK and the Philippines, followed by the No. 1 single "Independent Women Part I" in the "Charlie's Angels" soundtrack.

Fiercely religious, they have a nice gospel medley in the album.

The album's first three singles are okay—"Independent Women," "Survivor" and "Bootylicious."

"Nasty Girl," "Fancy," "Apple Pie a la Mode," "Sexy Daddy" and "Perfect Man" are dance tracks. Then there are "Independent Women Part II" and "Happy Face" which are also dance materials.

The album is at its best with "Dance With Me," "My Heart Still Beats," "Emotion," "Brown Eyes," and "Dangerously in Love." "Emotion" and "Brown Eyes," both ballads, are very strong materials.

Beyoncé's talent as producer-songwriter is put to good use. Together, the three girls have come up with a fairly good album, but a hit album no less.

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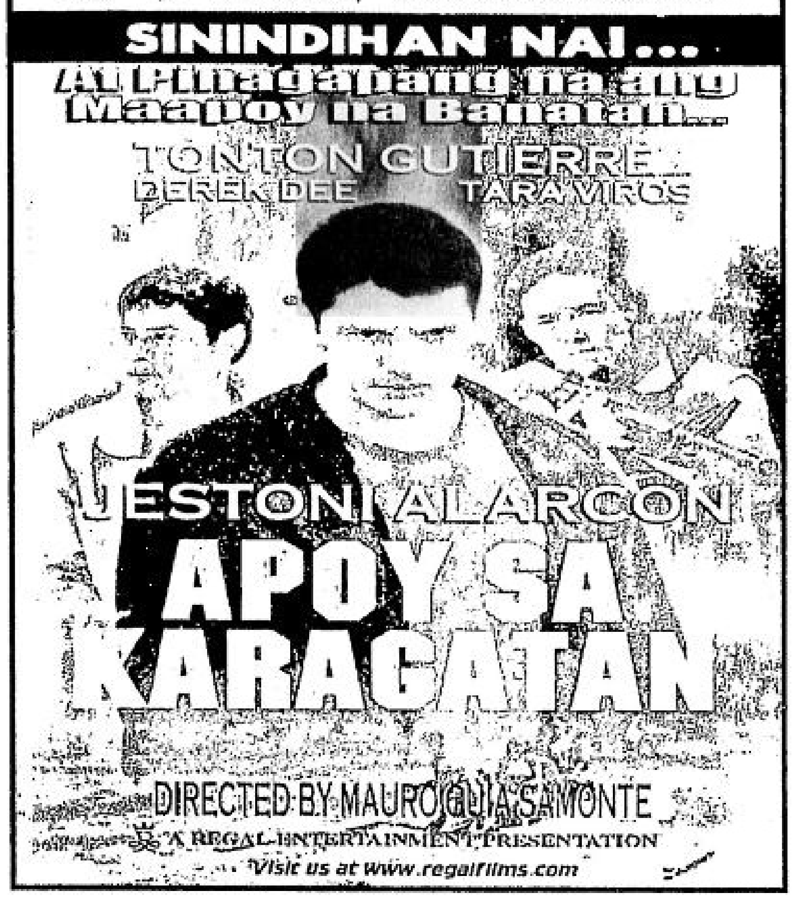

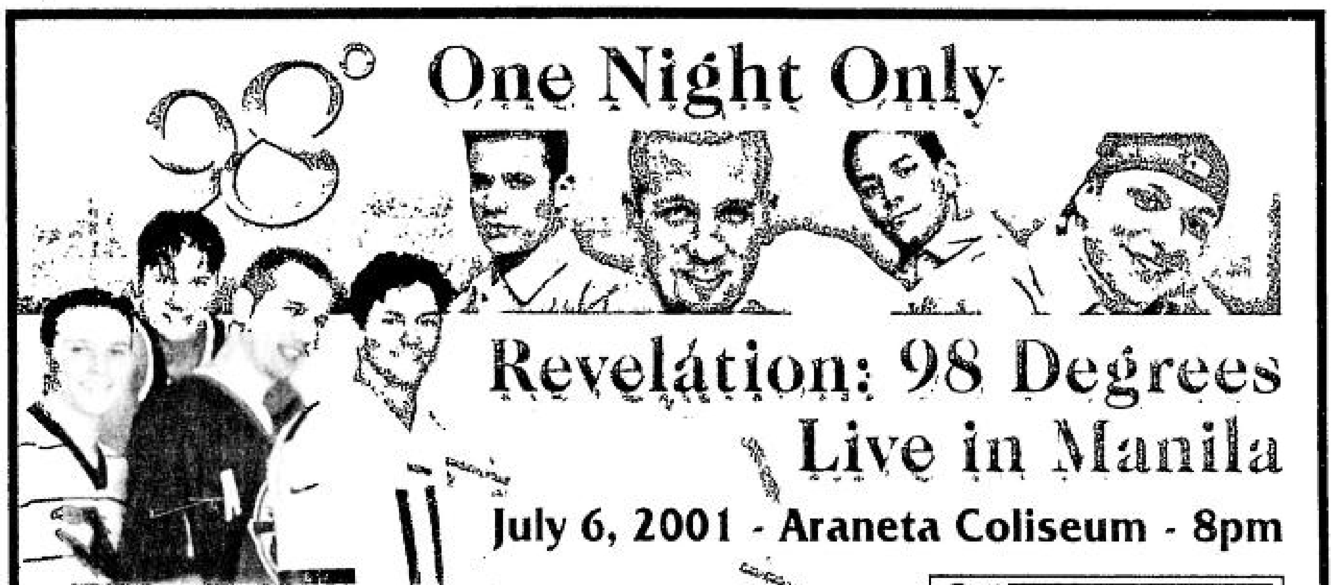

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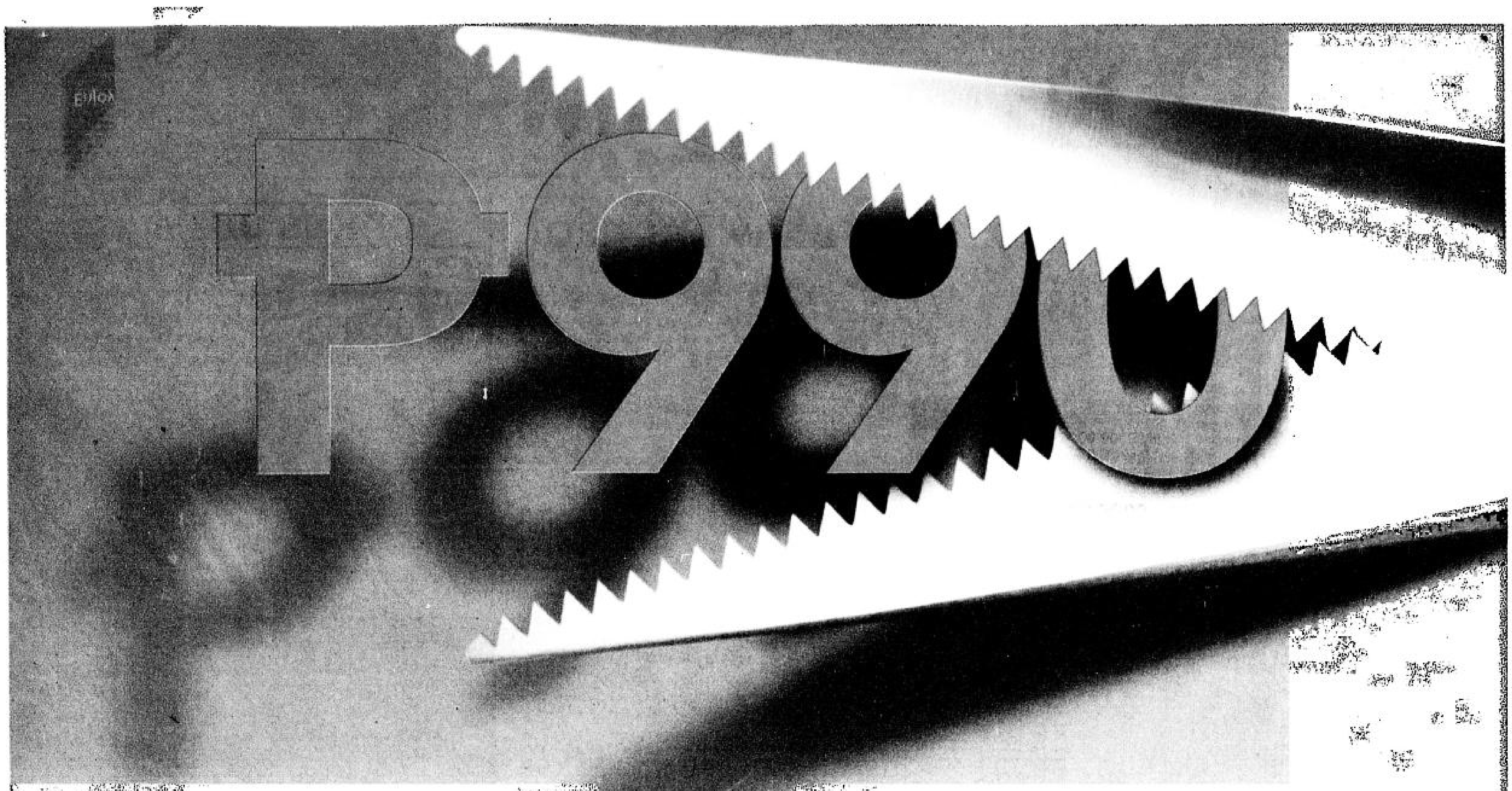

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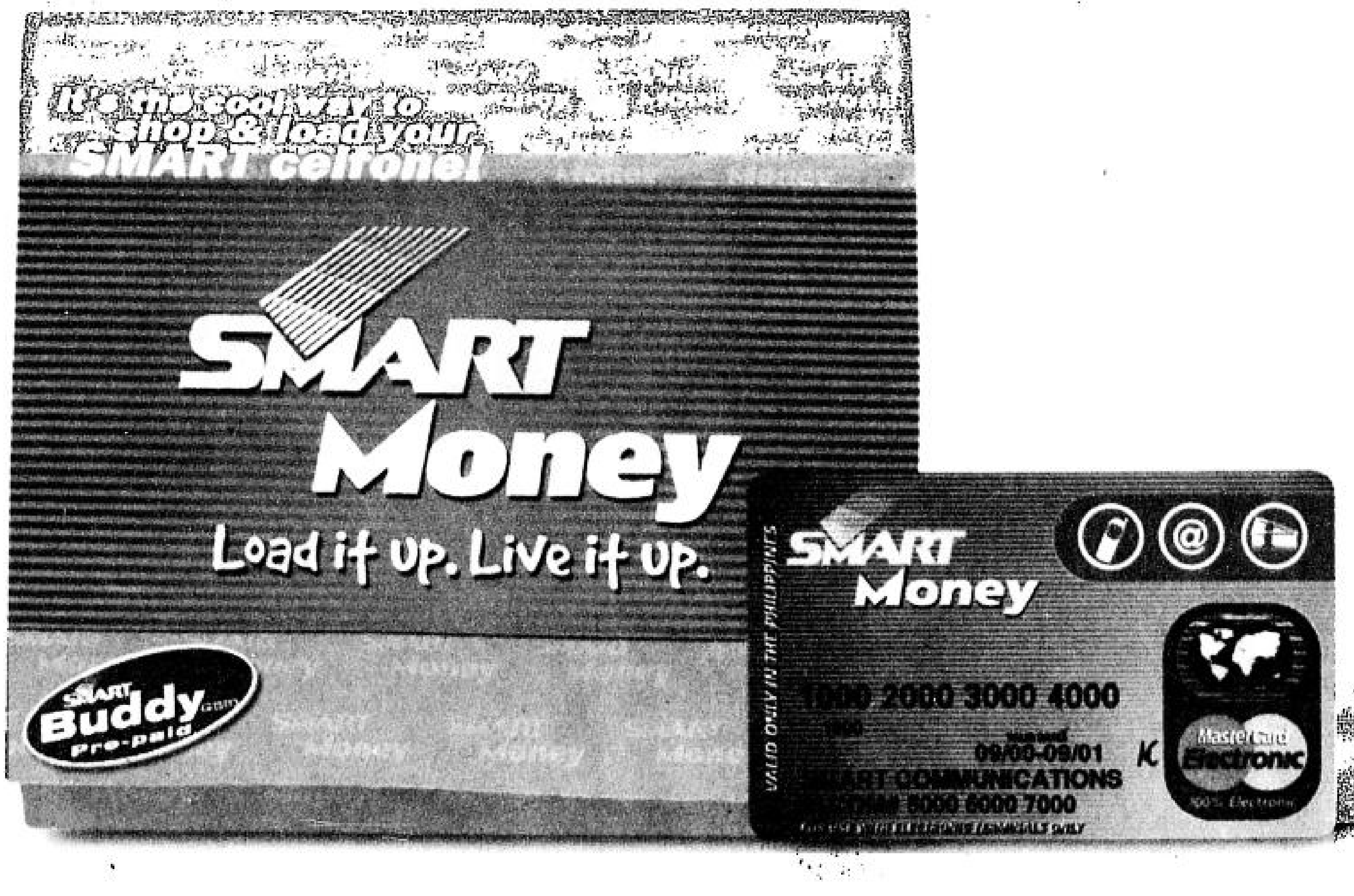
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Puyat scion used to earn ₱150 from selling encyclopedias

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

EDGARDO Puyat Reyes could have easily been born with a silver spoon in his mouth given the business empire built by his grandfather, the great industrialist Gonzalo Puyat, which covers flour milling, construction materials manufacturing and furniture.

His parents, Dr. Procopio C. Reyes and Leoncia Puyat-Reyes, however, did not believe in putting any silver spoons in their children's mouths.

Ed, the eldest in the brood, and his younger brother and sister had to work hard to get what they wanted, and not just wait for any dole-outs from the family.

"When you are young, the conditions set by your parents seemed like restrictions. It is only later that you realize that they just want you to have what you need to be a productive member of society and to be responsible," Reyes tells SundayBiz.

Summer job

Reyes said he started working during his high school days. He was made to work in his uncle's hardware store to keep himself busy during the summer breaks.

His early exposure to life as a worker prepared him to face the prospect of raising a family even if he was still in college. He was just 19 years old but he felt he got what it took to raise a family since his parents taught him to be responsible. That was in 1964.

FIRST JOBS

"I had to earn my own money to raise a family so I had two jobs. I worked as a credit investigator during the day, I studied late in the afternoon and in the evenings I would sell encyclopedias," Reyes says.

He said that he earned P150 in commission for every encyclopedia set he sold that was paid for in cash.

"I learned then that perseverance and hard work are what you needed to get through life," he says.

His parents, for instance, gave him a house when he got married but they told him that he would have to earn enough to manage the upkeep of the house. He had to pay the bills himself, handle the maintenance and pay for their own food on the table.

The same was true for his car, an old Ford from his parents.

Working for the family

As soon as he graduated from college at the San Sebastian College, he started working for the family corporation. He initially worked for his father at the Pasay Rural Bank and later for Gonzalo Puyat & Sons.

"I was just a division manager then and I still worked with the rural bank. It was while working with the bank that I got to meet other bankers. At 27, I even became the youngest president of

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REYES said his parents taught him the value of hard work.

Massive tax cut prompts calls for increased charitable giving

WASHINGTON—Americans who will be receiving a total of 39 billion dollars in tax rebate checks in the coming months are being urged not only to spend and save more, but also to donate some of the cash to charity.

Some activists are hoping the infusion of cash into the economy would spur a wave of charitable giving.

Most individual taxpayers will receive tax rebate checks of $300 while couples will get $600 over the next three months in the first installment of the $1.35 trillion federal tax cut.

Richard Thau, president of Third Millennium, a nonprofit advocacy group launched by young adults to offer solutions to long-term problems facing the country, is urging taxpayers to donate their rebate through the website DonateRebate.org that links to a database of US charities.

"I kept hearing people say they can spend it or save it, I thought, 'Why not donate it to charity?'" Thau said.

Thau said his call for more giving can be used by people who favored the tax cut as well as those who opposed it.

"If you want to help people help themselves and stimulate the economy at the same time, donate all or part of the rebate," he said. "If you opposed the tax cut, here's your chance to fund the cause you think the government is going to be funding less."

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, which opposed the tax cut package, recently sent a memo to its nearly 900 congregations calling on their 1.5 million members to donate their rebates.

"The general rule of thumb in the Jewish community is that people ought to give a minimum of one-tenth of their income to charity," said Rabbi David Saperstein, who is lobbying 40 other religious denominations to do the same.

Saperstein noted that if every taxpayer receiving a rebate followed the 10 percent rule, American charities would receive almost $4 billion.

Realistically, however, a relatively small amount of the tax cut and the rebate is expected to go to charity.

A survey by the financial software group Intuit found 46 percent of respondents said they would use the rebate to pay bills, while another 18 percent said they would save it. Only one percent said they would donate it to charity.

"Research indicates that people give more (to charity) based on permanent increases in income rather than one-time increases," said Melissa Brown, managing editor of Giving USA, part of the Trust for Philanthropy.

Still, Brown said the rising economy of the 1990s had stimulated charitable giving. Her organization's survey in 2000 found total charitable giving at $203 billion, with philanthropy topping 2 percent of personal income for the first time since 1969.

President George W. Bush said the rebate money "can be saved for a child's education, spent on family needs, invested in a home or in a business or a mutual fund or used to reduce personal debt."

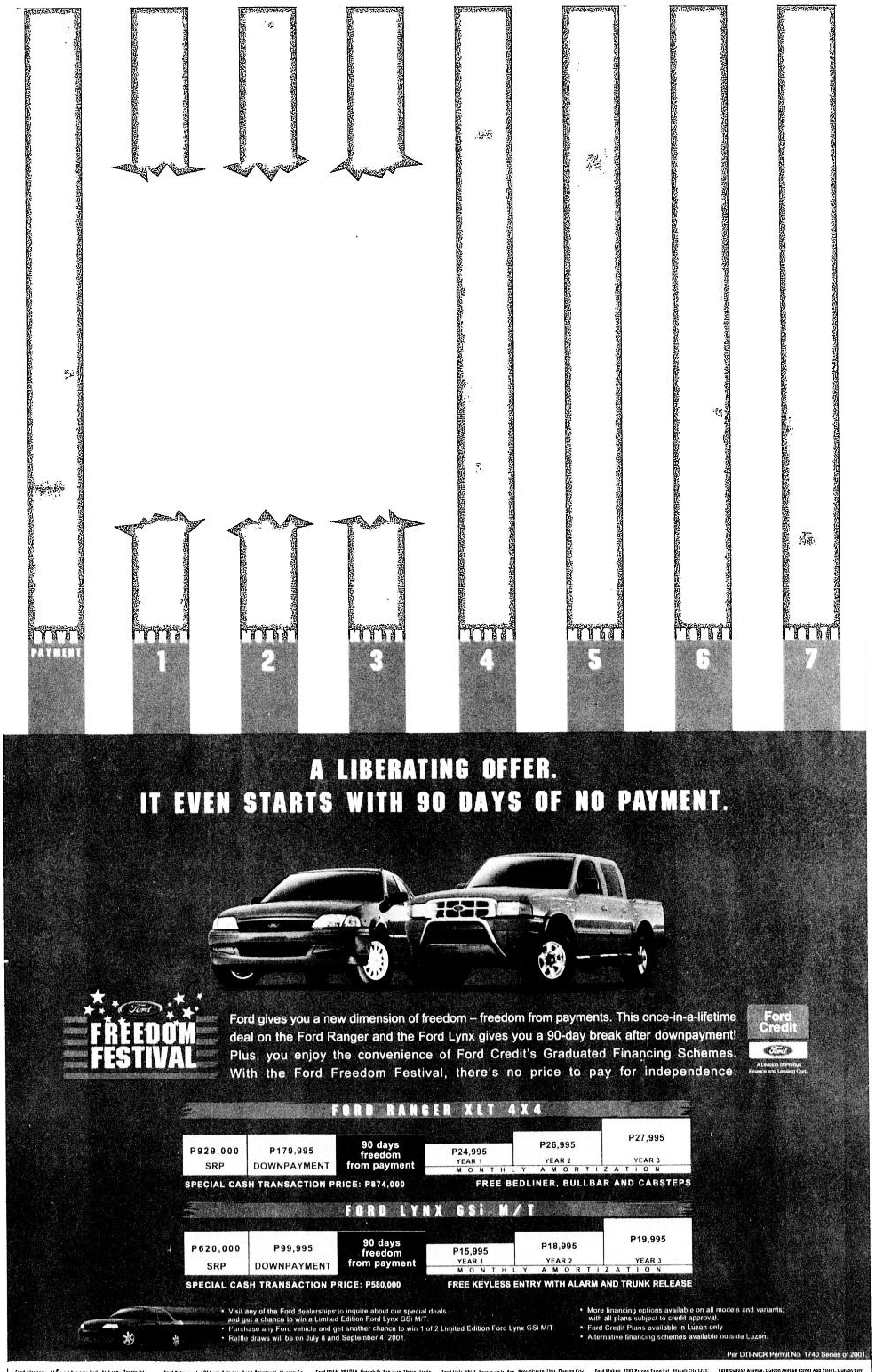
Economists say the $39 billion in rebates will add at least 0.5 percent to US gross domestic product in the second half of the year.

Of course, a number of partisan political groups are using the tax rebates to make their own pitches for cash.

The Democratic National Committee makes a call for contributions on its website, saying "There is a better way to use your tax cut than turning it over to the big oil and gas companies."

And one critic of the Bush administration, Tony Adams of Houston, set up a website called TaxRebatePledge.org, where people can pledge donations to any of 33 organizations "fighting President Bush's conservative agenda."

He claims to have received over $100,000 in pledges so far. *AFP*



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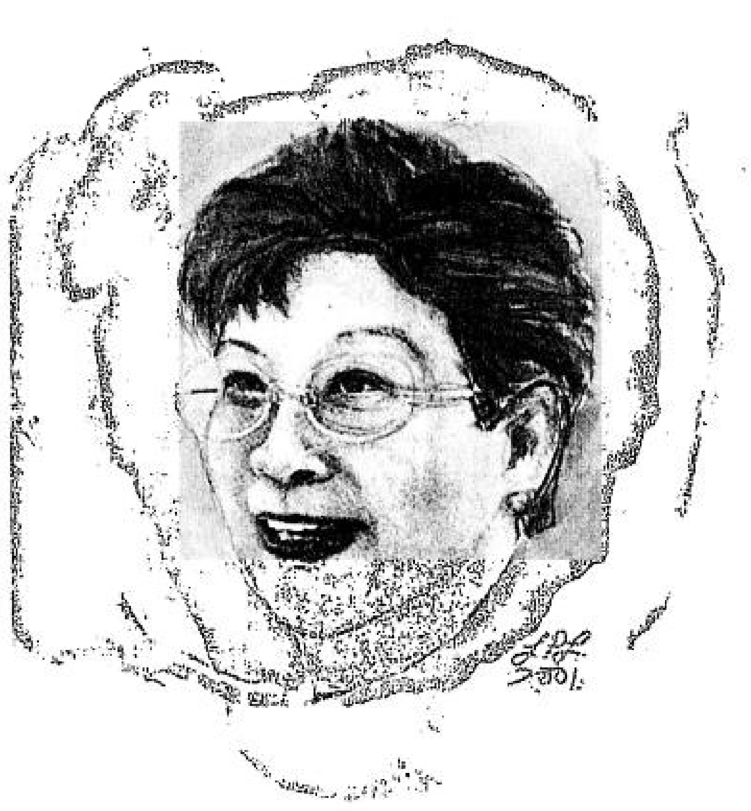
BY L. P. LEVISTE



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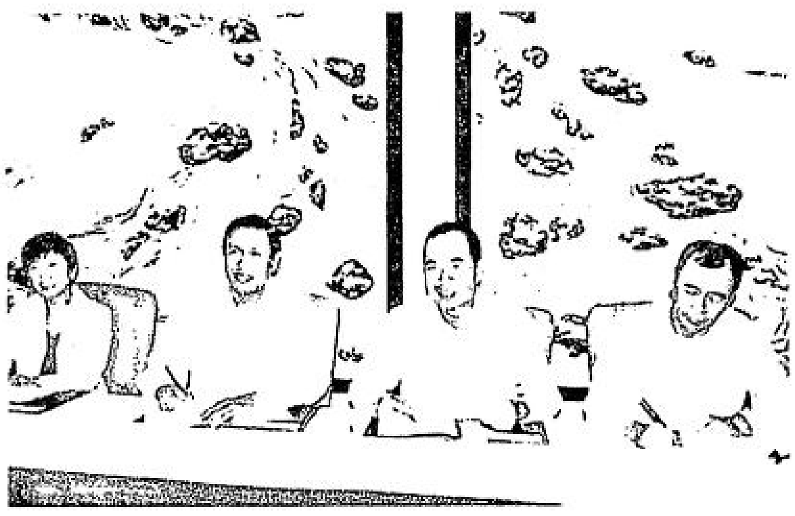

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THE BASES Conversion Development Authority, Ayala Land Inc. and Liberty Real Holdings Corp. recently signed a tripartite agreement for LRH to develop the 9.92-hectare multimodal area in Fort Bonifacio.

EXECUTIVE READ

A heart of courage, an admirable mind and a lifelong triumph of the human spirit

"A Journey of Struggle & Hope"
By Jovito R. Salonga
UP Center for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy & Regina Publishing, 2001

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

HEROISM is an object of fascinating study. Is greatness earned through a lifelong devotion to a cause; a life of steadfastness and integrity that serves as a model to present and succeeding generations?

Or is heroism won by a fluke of history when, in one decisive hour or serendipitous opportunity, a leader responds to a call for sacrifice or for one audacious act that leads to a people's awakening or a country's liberation?

No doubt, Martin Luther King, the leader of the civil rights movement in America, was a modern-day hero.

But, one day, charges were raised that he plagiarized some sections in his doctoral dissertation—and, for this one revelation, his place among America's greats was threatened.

To the rescue came a journalist who said that a hero need not be a "knight in shining armor." All that is required, she stressed, was when an act of heroism was needed, the leader came forward and risked his life.

That's why, says one historian, many of the world's—or the country's—great men were "fortunate" to have died when they were young. If Alexander the Great, Simon Bolivar, John F. Kennedy, Andres Bonifacio, Gregorio del Pilar—to name a few—grew to a ripe age of 70 to 80, would each one's greatness lose its sheen.

Is greatness a meteoric blaze in a dark sky whose momentary brilliance outshines an otherwise uneventful or checkered life?

Compare that to the country's ambivalence about an outstanding general (who outlived all heroes of the revolution), despite his key role in defeating the Spaniards in every way and in winning our independence.

But, there is no ambivalence with this one heroic life. Featured in "A Journey of Struggle & Hope" is former Senate President Jovito R. Salonga."

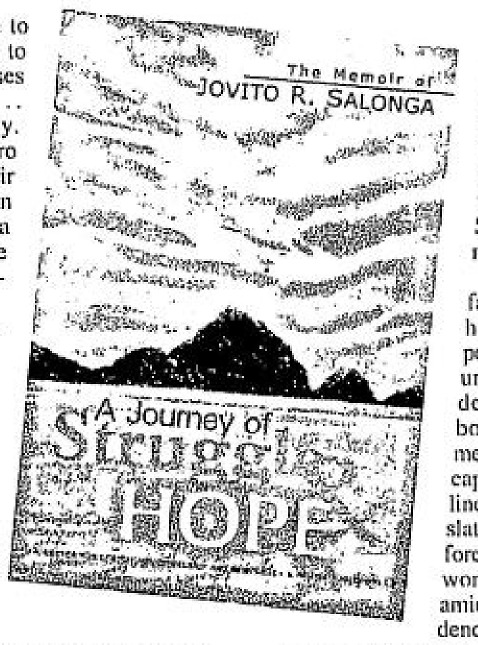
Here is a life that has spanned eight decades (he just turned 81 last Friday)—marked by a series of heroic acts through peaceful and turbulent periods, steadfastness to time honored virtues—and characterized by a superior mind, steely determination, a heart of courage, and a soul ever attuned to the Divine.

This autobiography is a riveting narrative about our country's storied past. And, with the participation of the author, history comes alive like late-breaking news. On the outbreak of World War II, the author narrates:

"In the early morning of Monday, Dec. 8, 1941, I was rudely awakened by the radio announcement that Pearl Harbor had just been bombed by Japanese planes . . . I got up from bed, unable to sleep. If this means war, I said to myself, there may be no classes today and in the next few days . . . My hopes began to fade away. Japanese planes, with their zero marks, were in control of the air and no American plane was in sight. My brothers and I saw a light Philippine plane engage one Japanese aircraft in a brief dogfight and then fly away."

(Move over, Ernest Hemingway. You've found your match in the power of narrative—with a difference: Yours is fiction, Salonga's is for real. Yours is art, his is life.)

Through this book, we are brought to the torture chambers of the Japanese (where the youthful Jovito was severely beaten for his role in the resistance movement).



We also know what being poor means, with the author's unshod feet going to school. We feel the exhilaration of being on top of the class. We join him and get seasick in a voyage by ship to America. Our hearts are warmed when, on the boat, he meets his beloved.

Immersed in his book, we are present at his court battles marveling at his brilliance. We note his strategy, timing and superb networking in his first foray in politics. We find ourselves thanking God for his adroit defense of Ninoy Aquino, first in his "underage" case; subsequently in his many other cases when Ninoy was detained—finding defense through the mastery of the law.

We know up close how he nurtures such mind with thirst for knowledge—here and abroad. We understand the depth and breadth of his legal training, including an illuminating distinction between Harvard and Yale (where he earned his master of laws and doctorate) in their approach to law practice.

And then we hear him exchange pained goodbyes with Ninoy just days before the latter was assassinated.

This is a very rich book on the verities of life, not delivered as homilies, but in anecdotes and snapshots. You finish this book once, and then you come back to it for its wellspring of inspiring true-to-life stories.

For example, after winning the case for Ninoy that should otherwise have disqualified him from becoming a senator, Ninoy was very appreciative.

Narrates the author: "Ninoy came to my residence to express his appreciation. He said he had brought a new car, which he wanted to leave with me. I smiled and said, 'Ninoy, do not cheapen the little we have done for you.' He knew I meant what I said. He did not insist."

This is not a self-centered chronicle of the author's life. Familiar names naturally crop up in the storytelling, and their roles—and the events they triggered or influenced in our national life—are thus further illuminated. Some authors invent drama and pathos. For Salonga the author, that's not necessary at all.

His life and the lives of his family, friends and associates had all the elements of suspense, conflict, tragedy, and triumph—surviving or ignoring death sentences, tortures, bombings, solitary confinements, betrayals, exiles—and escaping certain death by a hairline, landing on top of the Senate slate, and dismantling the huge foreign military installation of the world's most powerful country amid a national mindset of dependence on a foreign power.

On the infamous Plaza Miranda bombing, considering that the senator was at death's door, his account is a classic in understatement: "I didn't know at the time that there were two grenades thrown and that one grenade did not explode. I felt a very heavy blow in my chest and could only mumble the words of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane: 'Father, Thy will be done.' I passed out seconds after the blast."

Don't miss this moving account. It tells us much about quiet heroism, an indomitable spirit strengthened by a childlike faith in God, and a heart that holds no bitterness.

After surviving several surgical procedures, healing came by a miracle. Home at last in a wheelchair and with bandaged hand and foot, he was lyrical: "There were many stars in the sky, a spectacle I had not seen for so long. I went to sleep bringing with me the unforgettable memory of that starry night." His was the peace that surpasses understanding.

Unlike a meteor that blazes briefly and is gone, Senator Salonga's heroism is a fixed and steady star in the Philippine firmament, made luminous in this storybook where history and biography blend—urging us to reflect on one truth found in every page of the book:

The triumph of the human spirit can be a lifelong, day-to-day event—if you just don't surrender your mind to the pressure of peers, the roar of the crowd, or the decree of a tyrant; if your heart is consistently on the side of what's right and just; and if your faith in the Unseen Hand that is active in history is as solid as a rock.

Is that possible at all? It has been so with the author.

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Entrepreneur makes money out of melted cheese, frozen food

BY LEAH SALTERIO

IF SELLING *ensaimadas* can bring fortune, Cheloy Muhlach can definitely tell you how.

The enterprising lady made a big business out of those delicious Quickmelt *ensaimadas*, whose name was later changed into Supermelt, after she broke personal and professional ties with her erstwhile partner, Alex Muhlach (father of former child star Niño Muhlach).

Cheloy's Supermelt is available in 41 outlets all over Metro Manila. She also supplies 14 international airlines.

"I started the *ensaimaida* business from scratch," Cheloy says. "Cooking is a hobby for me. After I got married, I wanted to get into a business. I guess I really have an innate business sense."

Today, even as her *ensaimadas* continue to bring her the dough, Cheloy has not stopped her search for novel food ventures.

Recently, she branched out into selling microwavable food items being marketed as 'Fruzen'.

The new line of chilled and frozen foods centers on Filipino and Asian favorites, with a touch of traditional cooking.

"We sell everything from a gallon to single servings of *dinuguan*," Cheloy offers. "There are also *adobo, kare-kare, pochero, pancit*, salads and sandwiches. We want to concentrate on affordable dishes."

Cheloy's Fruzen came about after she attended an Asian food show and was inspired by the packaging of microwavable food.

"I thought to myself why not try it in the Philippines?" she asserts. "It's best for people who are lazy to cook, those who live alone and don't have time to market and prepare their meals after a long day at work."

Fruzen is initially available in its first outlet at SM Fairview in Quezon City. There are also other outlets in Makati (895-4295) and Pasig (642-6804). The food items are individually wrapped, vacuum-packed and stored in a huge blast freezer to keep them fresh.

"Once the food has been vacuum-packed, it can be kept up to six months," Cheloy informs. "Aside from Filipino food, we also sell Japanese, Thai, Malaysian, Spanish and Italian dishes."

If a microwave oven is not available for some households, Cheloy says the dishes can also be cooked in hot water.

The Fruzen food packaging comes complete with instructions on how to cook it and how long a particular dish has to be placed inside the microwave.

"This is not really time-consuming and without hassle," Cheloy says of her new products. "You don't need to sauté or prepare ingredients that are really messy. Everything comes with the package and in five minutes or so, you can have a complete meal."

Cheloy's new business partner is Elmer Pascua, lead vocalist of the 7th Soul Band. It was Elmer who helped her conceptualize the business logo for Fruzen and the menu lineup.

Before she ventured into the food business, Cheloy prepared herself for it. She studied baking and culinary arts in London.

She swears that Fruzen is a bigger venture than her *ensaimadas*.

"When I started with Quickmelt in 1992, I only needed P20,000," Cheloy grants. "But Fruzen is not a simple business. The blast freezer alone for the food storage costs half a million pesos.

"I don't really know how consumers will accept Fruzen, but we are optimistic that it will take off and will make microwavable food popular in the country. We hope to expand before the end of the year and make more people aware of Fruzen... that microwavable food is also healthy food."

On the side, Cheloy caters to her friends and family.

Former sister-in-law Amalia Fuentes orders her black spaghetti. Her three daughters—Aizza, 17; Michaela, 10; and Angela, 8—are also her constant patrons and food critics.

With her *ensaimadas* and frozen foods, Cheloy is out to prove that the food business can really be a big business.

CHELOY Muhlach with daughters Michaela (right) and Angela (left).

REYES during his younger days

Puyat scion . . .

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the Rural Bankers Association of the Philippines which had 450 members," he says.

Reyes steadily worked for the family corporations, gaining more experience whenever he got transferred to the other companies such as the International Pipe Industries Corp., a manufacturer of large diameter steel pipes.

With enough on-the-job training, Reyes eventually got the confidence and the trust from his family to take advantage of opportunities in the market and bring the Gonzalo Puyat & Sons group to greater heights.

"I was doing many jobs at the same time and eventually I put up new companies under Gonzalo Puyat & Sons. One of these was Puyat Vinyl," Reyes says.

Puyat Vinyl Products Inc. manufactures vinyl tiles and rolls under the brand name Apo Vinyl Quartz, using state-of-the-art British and European technologies. It is a market leader due mainly to the low price and the high-quality finish of its Apo tiles.

Reyes also put up South China Resources Inc., the first holding firm that he put up outside Gonzalo Puyat & Sons and the first listed company for the Puyat group.

South China was incorporated in 1992 to undertake oil and gas exploration and development production activities in the Philippines. It diversified in 1995 into non-oil businesses such as real property development, banking and telecommunications.

Bell Telecommunications

It is one thing to convince family members to support new business ventures, but it is quite another to get other people to put their hard-earned money behind ideas that are not guaranteed to bring in the profits.

This is why Bell Telecommunication Phils. Inc., an integrated telecommunications company, is special to Reyes. It is the first company he put up outside the family business.

"It is very satisfying for me personally to know that I can convince people outside the family to back my ideas. For Bell, my investors include the Ortigas, Maramba and the Bayot families to support me," Reyes says.

It was a difficult journey for Bell as the other telecommunications companies were more than ready to prevent latecomer Bell from getting a license. But perseverance and hard work that were ingrained in his psyche since childhood triumphed in the end. Today, Bell Telecom has rolled out the first nationwide broadband wireless network, designed to provide solutions for different kinds of multimedia applications.

Reyes says he learned how to manage his companies and to take advantage of opportunities from experience, not through degrees from fancy school.

He also took to heart the lessons inculcated by his father and his grandfather.

"My father was a medical doctor who became a banker and he told me that there is no substitute for hard work. From my grandfather, I learned the virtues of being honest, not only to co-workers and shareholders, but especially honest to consumers who buy our products or services," Reyes says.

Not thrifty

One thing Reyes did not inherit, however, was being thrifty. He is not one to throw frequent lavish parties or buy something expensive just for the heck of it, but he does appreciate good stuff.

It took him, for instance, 10 years of working before he bought his first car. But it was a Mercedes.

"I also saved enough money when I was young just to buy kits because I was fond of flying remote control planes," he says.

These days, Reyes tries to take time off to play golf and tennis, eat good food and go out to sea.

It has been a long 30-year career in the fields of banking, manufacturing and industry but he shows no signs of retiring anytime soon. He still has an eye for new businesses even if Gonzalo Puyat & Sons is now much bigger than it was during the time of his father and grandfather.

"I don't believe in full retirement. Maybe later I will just get to travel more and spend more time away from the office, but I will still definitely be involved," Reyes says.

He considers himself as more of a cheerleader at the office, egging on the other managers and professional staff to do well and to perhaps learn from him the virtue of hard work.

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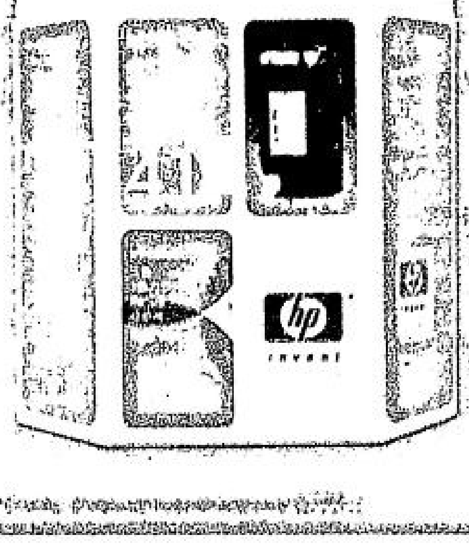

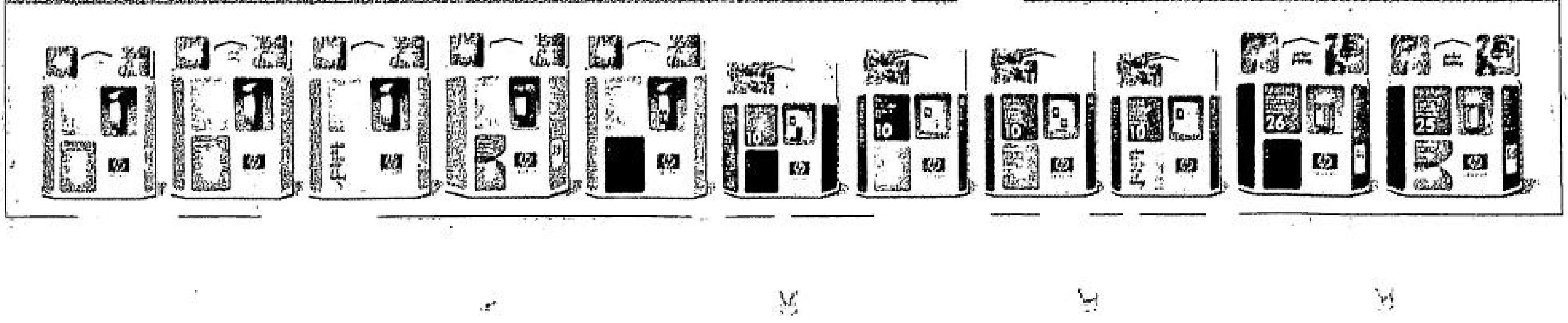

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Invitation for Bids

June 22, 2001
Early Childhood Development Project
Loan No. 4301-PH
IFB No. ECD-PMO-011DSWD-002

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of InformationTechnology (IT) Equipment.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Project Management Office (PMO) of the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of IT Equipment. This includes twenty-nine (29) units each of Hi-end Brand Desktop Computer with Modem, Laser Printer and Uninterruptible Power Supply.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting July 4 until July 6, 2001 from Ms. Marichris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) 9318161, (632) 9318101 to 07 local 125, and fax no. (632) 9517116
4. Bids must be received in a sealed envelope (complete with all requirements) by Ms. Marichris Jacinto at the same address not later than July 18, 2001, 10:00 a.m. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of two percent (2%) of total bid price. Late quotations will not be accepted.
5. Prior to submission of bid proposals, a Pre-Bid Conference will be held on July 11, 2001, 2:00 p.m. at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
6. The DSWD Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein and/or accept the bid as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) Asst. Sec. LOURDES G. BALANON
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI – June 24, 25, 2001)

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

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Bidding schedule shall be announced to all pre-qualified bidders.

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For particulars, please contact MAJOR HENRY B. SALVADOR PAF, Tel. No. 0919-235-3229 ALSC, Air Force City, Clark Field, Pampanga,.

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St. Andrew Church Constellation Street, Bel-Air Village Makati City	6:30 P.M.
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated in her memory and that of our Papa, **Salvador Tan Siong Chang**, at the Family Mausoleum, Manila Memorial Park (Sucat) at 10:00 in the morning. Masses are also offered today at the following churches:

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Mount Carmel Shrine, New Manila	6:00 AM
Mary The Queen, Greenhills	6:00 AM
St. Paul The Apostle, Quezon City	6:00 AM
Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills	6:15 AM
St. Francis Church, Mandaluyong City	7:00 AM
Santissimo Rosario (UST), Manila	8:00 AM
San Agustin Church, Manila	8:00 AM
Christ The King (Greenmeadows), Quezon City	8:30 AM
Basilica of the Immaculate Conception	10:00 AM
Shrine of Mary Queen of Peace, EDSA	12:15 PM
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of

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St. Adelaide, Ca.	8:00 am
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From his loving children Ruben and Remedios Mariano, Dra. Thelma and Ponce Hernandez, Aleli Mariano, Emila and Florencio Lustre. And his grandchildren Noriel, Joel, Myleen, Nerie, Aileen, Nina, Gerry and Riza.

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LUMER UNIVERSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC., (LUMER) HAS MOVED TO ITS NEW OFFICE ADDRESS AT UNIT 3 SAN ISIDRO ARCADE OFFICES 128 DOÑA SOLEDAD AVENUE BETTER LIVING SUBDIVISION, PARAÑAQUE CITY JUNE 16, 2001.

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PARTNERSHIP FOR PHILIPPINE OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND YOUTH
(PILOT PHASE)
REQUEST FOR SUB-PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Consortium for the Partnership for Philippine Out of School Children and Youth (POSCY) is receiving a Grant from the World Bank's Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF). The Grant is earmarked for funding technical and/or basic education projects for out of school children and youth.

The Consortium now invites organizations, institutions, and agencies from civil society, business, and government operating in Regions III, IV, VIII, the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, and the National Capital Region to manifest their interest and submit a Letter of Intent and a 1-2 page concept paper or a proposal. Selection of projects to be funded shall be based on cost and meeting the following guidelines and criteria set by the Consortium:

1. Targets 6-24 year old basic education dropouts
2. Seeks to realize any or a combination of the following:
   - Bring back basic education dropouts to formal school
   - Create opportunities for elementary and/or high school dropouts to achieve elementary/high school equivalency through alternative learning schemes/non-formal education
   - Enable high school dropouts to undertake Technical/Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and provide opportunities for employment/self-employment
3. Considers the following strategies in implementing the proposed project:
   - For basic education, the design is geared toward (i) formal basic education for 6-17 year old children and youth by bringing them back to formal school through sponsorship or scholarship programs, educational loan, and other financial schemes that would make basic education affordable to poor families, and (ii) non-formal/alternative education like the BNFE-DECS Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Program for 15-24 year old out of school youth
   - Provision of technical education with apprenticeship and employment integrated with life skills and/or alternative learning system. Technical courses offered match the skills demand of industry, and meet the pre-qualifications of vocational training and accreditation requirements for re-entry into the formal education system
4. Is implemented within the five priority regions: III, IV, VIII, ARMM, and NCR
5. Demonstrates convergence of resources from business, civil society and government
   - Funding, technical and other forms of assistance must come from at least two of the above sectors
6. Is willing to shoulder at least 25% of the total project cost in cash or in kind
7. Funding from the Bank's JSDF facility shall only be limited to a maximum of 40% of the total project cost with the rest coming from the proponent and other sources (as identified in #5)
8. Proponent must have a proven track record in implementing similar projects, or has appropriate qualifications to undertake the sub-project.

Interested organizations or agencies may obtain further information or send Letters of Intent and concept paper or proposal at the addresses below.

POSCY Project Operations Support Center
Children and Youth Foundation of the Phils.
109 Tuloy Sa Don Bosco Building
Antonio Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City
Tel: 750-2216-18 or 892-4787
Fax: 750-2219

POSCY Project Management Office
External Assistance Office
Dept. of Social Welfare and Devt.
Batasan Pambansa Complex
Constitution Hills, Quezon City
Telefax: 951-7436

The requirements (letter of intent and concept paper or project proposal) must be submitted to any of the above addresses on or before 31 July 2001.

Republic of the Philippines
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SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL
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Trunkline: 732-3776 to 78; 732-3106
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BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID
17 June 2001

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement and delivery of various hospital supplies and materials for Second Semester CY, 2001.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers and/or exclusive distributors as certified by the Supplier Accreditation Committee of the Department of Health (DOH) are qualified to participate.

Bidding documents can be secured at the Secretariat, SLH BAC, Office of the Administrative Officer V, Second Floor, Administration Building, SLH, Sta. Cruz, Manila, upon presentation of the following:

1. Authenticated DOH Suppliers Accreditation Certificate with the certified list of accredited products;
2. Authenticated Certificate of Product Registration;
3. Authenticated copy of License to Operate.

And upon presentation of a non-refundable fee of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) only.

Particulars	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
1. Various Drugs/ Medicines	June 27-July 6, 2001	July 2, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 11, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 11, 2001 10:00 a.m.
2. Various Laboratory Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 3, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 11, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 11, 2001 2:00 p.m.
3. Various Medical Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 3, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 12, 2001 9:00 a.m.	July 12, 2001 9:00 a.m.
4. Various Dietary Foodstuff	July 2-6, 2001	July 4, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 12, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 12, 2001 2:00 p.m.
5. Various Radiology Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 4, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 9:00 a.m.	July 13, 2001 9:00 a.m.
6. Various Dental Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 4, 2001 3:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 13, 2001 10:00 a.m.
7. Various Maintenance Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 5, 2001 10:00 a.m.	July 13, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 2:00 p.m.
8. Various Office and Janitorial Supplies	July 2-6, 2001	July 5, 2001 2:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 3:00 p.m.	July 13, 2001 3:00 p.m.

All activities shall be held at the SLH Amphitheater, SLH Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total amount of bid. The Security maybe in the form of the following: (a) Manager's Check, (b) Certified Cashier's Check, (c) GSIS Bidders Bond, (d) Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by Reputable Bank, (e) Bank Guarantee on Bank Draft issued by Reputable Bank.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, SLH BAC at telephone nos. 309-9552 or 711-6966 (telefax).

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(Sgd.) BENITO F. ARCA, MD, MPH
Medical Center Chief II

(PDI – June 17 & 24, 2001)

INQUIRER
TRiViA
By BONG BARRAMEDA

Satellites

Q. How do artificial satellites stay in orbit above the Earth?

A. Artificial satellites keep orbiting the Earth because they are speeding around the world just fast enough to keep them from falling. To maintain the correct orbit, therefore, satellites must be launched into orbit at exactly the right height and speed. The critical speed is 28,500 kph (17,700 mph). If the satellite orbited any slower, it would fall back to Earth. At the correct speed it goes into a circular orbit about 160 km (100 miles) up, just above the stratosphere. If it reached the Earth's escape velocity of 40,554 kph (25,200 mph) it would break loose altogether and not return.

For the Record. An astronaut on the Moon's surface is not weighed down by his spacesuit, with its thick layers, oxygen tanks and radio, because the suit weighs only 1/6 of what it would weigh on Earth. For the same effort he could jump six times as high on the Moon as on the Earth. Why? The gravity on a moon's or planet's surface is related to its mass and to the distance of the surface from the center of its mass. So although the Moon is only 1/80 of the Earth's mass, the gravity at the Moon's surface is far more than 1/80 the gravity of the Earth's surface. The net result is that the gravitational force felt on the Moon is only 1/6 of that felt on the Earth's surface so objects weigh just 1/6 of their weight on Earth.

Past Forward. This day in 1988: The Los Angeles Lakers, starring Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul Jabbar, beat the Detroit Pistons in Game 7 to become the first NBA repeat champions since the Boston Celtics in 1969.

WORD WATCH

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3.) Balance payable immediately upon notice.

4.) Any winning bidder who does not push through for reasons beyond its control, the deposit will be forfeited in favor of the company.

5.) The management reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in its discretion for any reason whatsoever.

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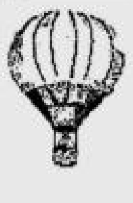

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Detailed list of the above assets, terms & conditions and proposal forms are available from the following:

MR. JESUS H. GARCIA	Makati City/Pasig City	Tel. No. (02) 752-4495 / (02) 641-1035
MR. ALAN PITOGO	Iligan City	Tel. No. (063) 221-5427 to 31

Deadline for the submission of proposals will be on July 9, 2001 at 2:00 PM in either of the following addresses;

- Unit 2701, 88 Corporate Center Building, 141 Sedeno St. cor. Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City
- National Steel Corporation, Elisco Road, Bo. Kalawaan, Pasig City
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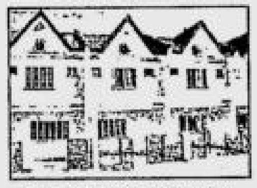

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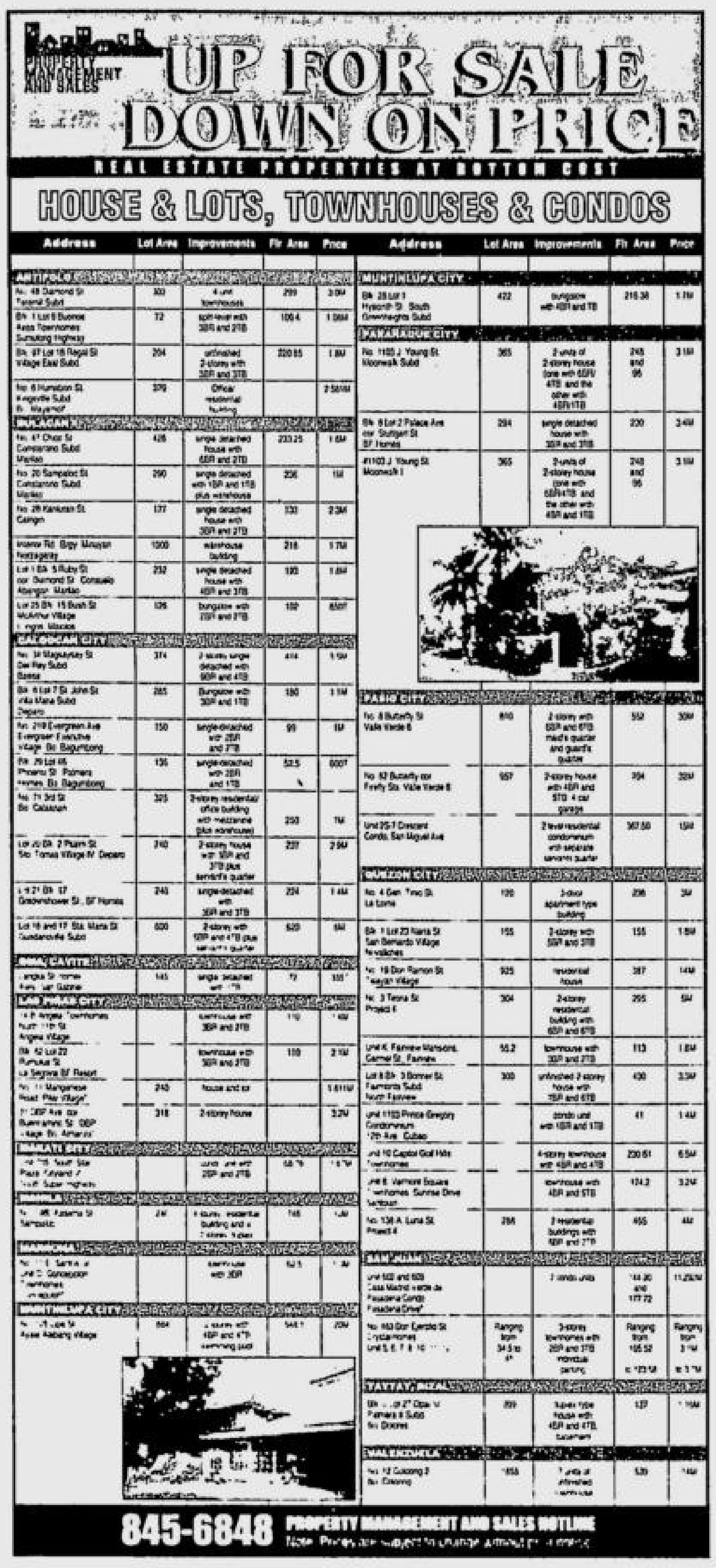

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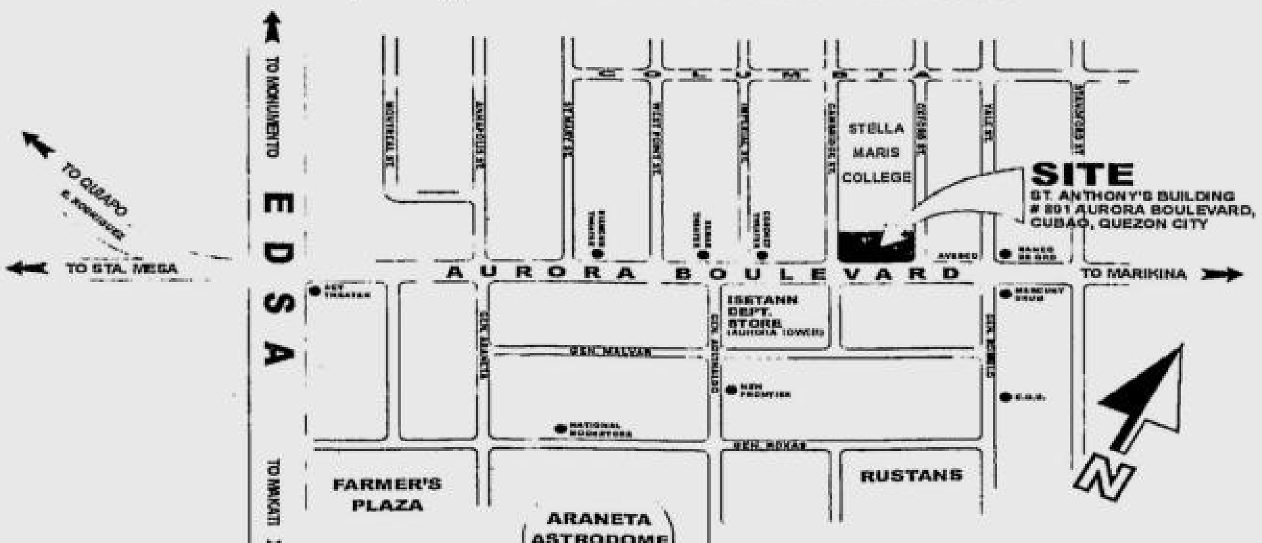

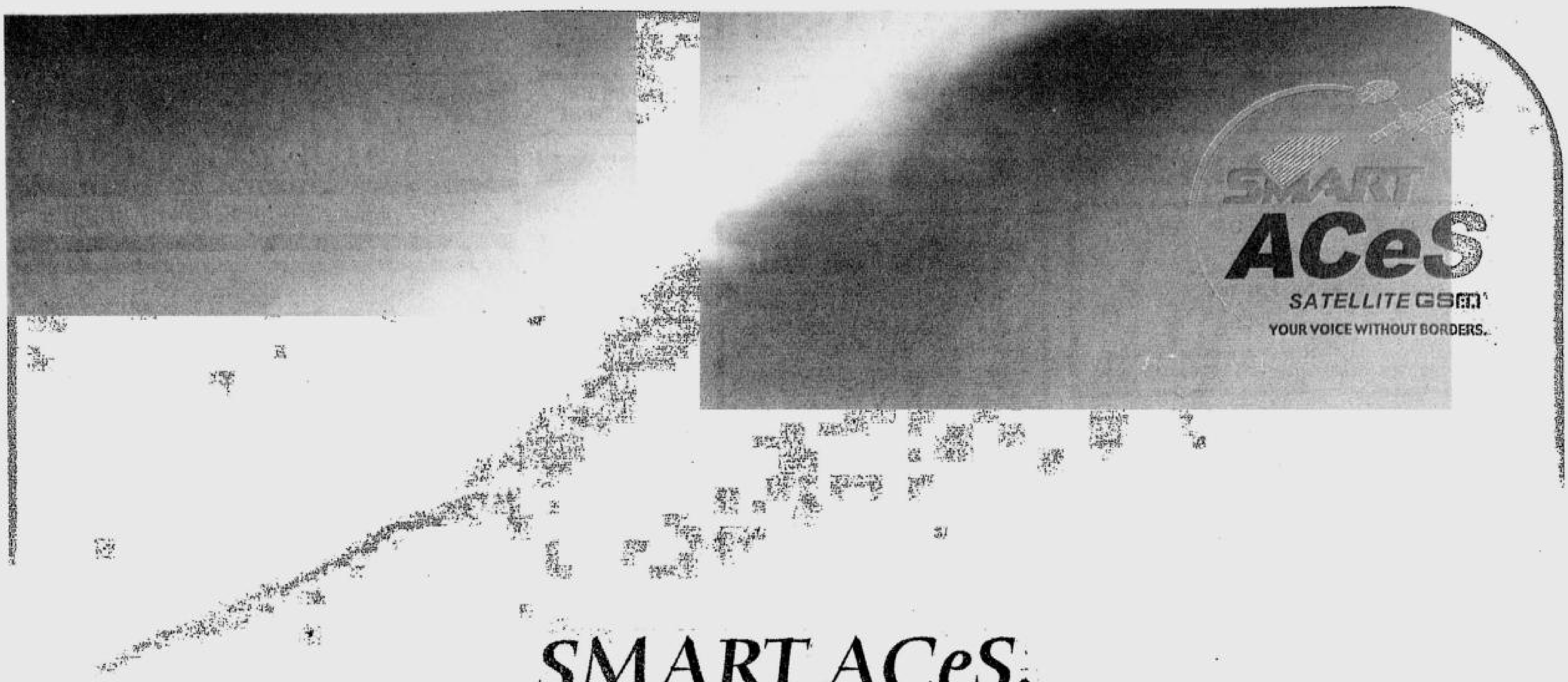

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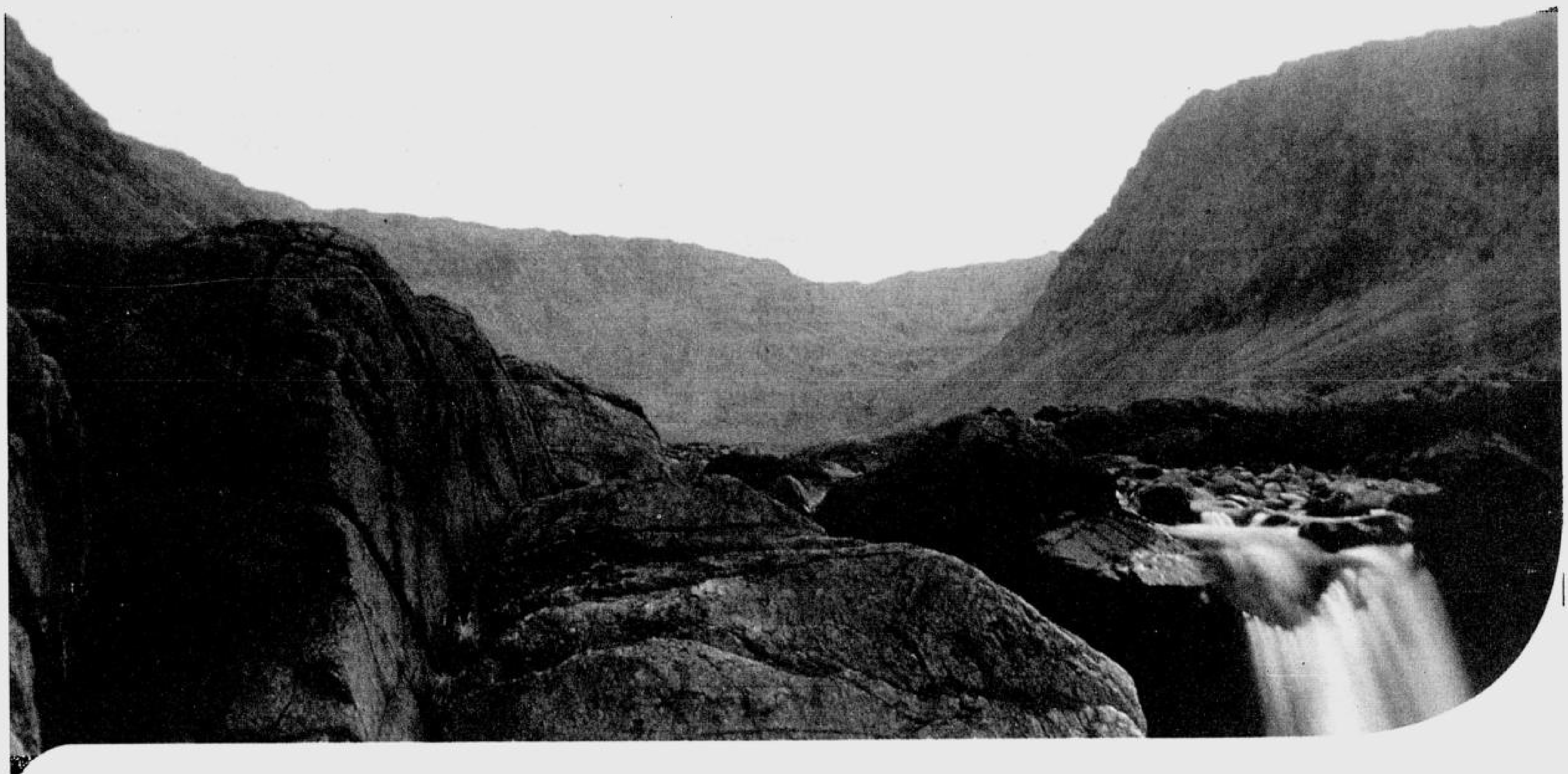

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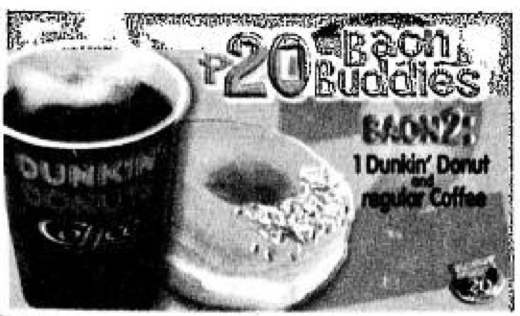
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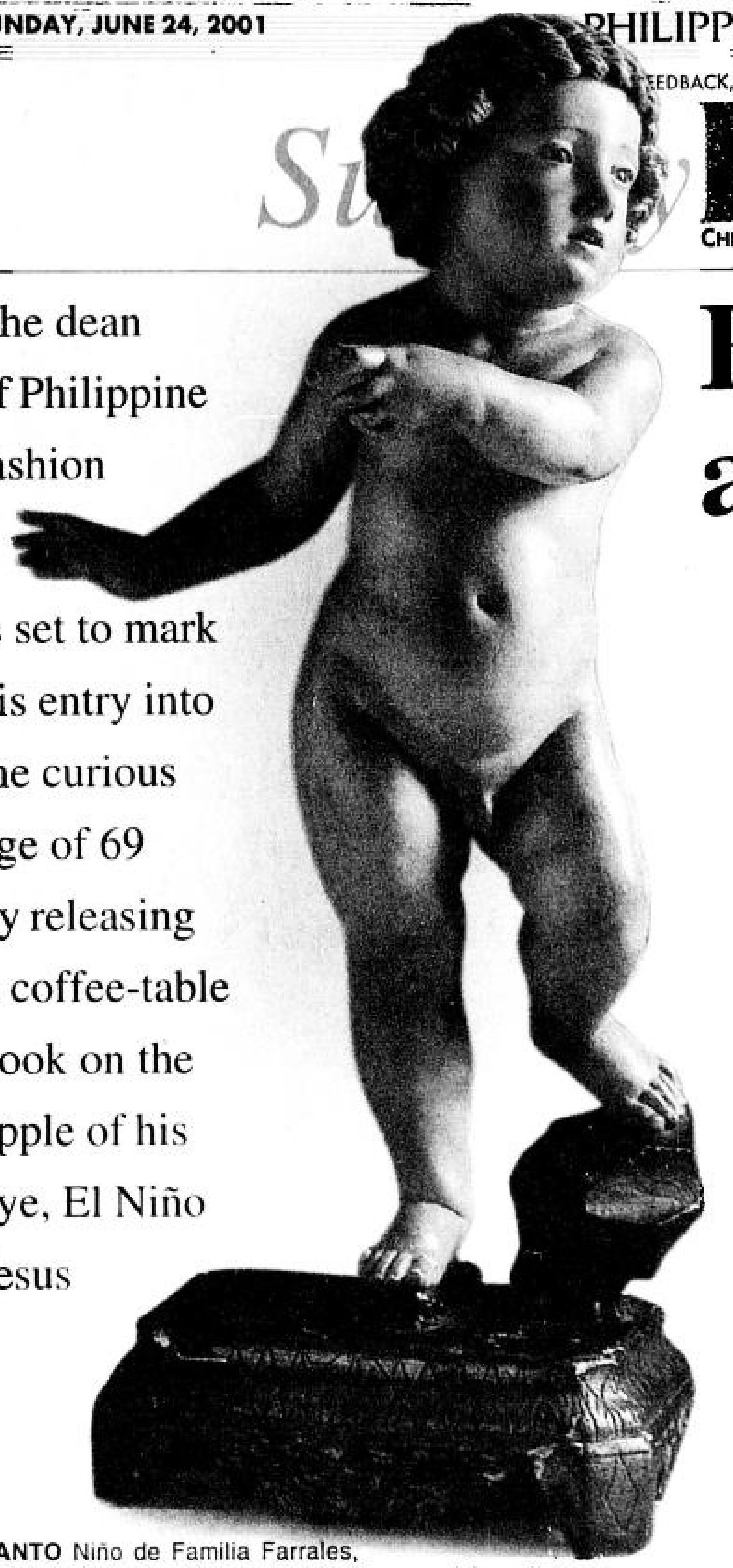

The dean of Philippine fashion

is set to mark his entry into the curious age of 69 by releasing a coffee-table book on the apple of his eye, El Niño Jesus

SANTO Niño de Familia Farrales, an 18th-century image made of olive wood from Italy

Ben Farrales and his love child

By Alex Y. Vergara
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VETERAN fashion designer Ben Farrales marks his 50th year in the industry by venturing into publishing. Instead of coming out with a glossy volume about his work, however, Farrales is launching a coffee-table book on the country's centuries-old love affair with the Santo Niño.

Farrales collaborated with seasoned writer-editor Abe Florendo, photographer George Tapan and printer Eugene Ong to produce a 250-page book titled "Santo Niño: The Holy Child Devotion in the Philippines." Devotion to the Santo Niño had been tackled in countless books before, but this is the first time a coffee-table book is devoted solely on the subject.

Apart from featuring hundreds of Santo Niño images in various forms (yes, a page or two feature images that mirror their owners' jobs), the book has specific chapters on such areas as the devotion's history and the diverse Santo Niño festivals celebrated here and abroad. It even features the dying craft of image making—involving sculptors and wigmakers, down to the *bordaderas*.

Of course, a book on the Santo Niño wouldn't be complete without a chapter on myths and miracles attributed to it. Farrales and company purposely stirred clear from controversy by not making any sweeping or biased opinions about how the devotion has evolved through the centuries. "Who are we to say what's right and what's wrong?" says Farrales.

"We've treated alleged miracles of the Santo Niño with utmost objectivity and delicacy," Florendo adds. "We didn't want to antagonize believers or side with unbelievers." But more importantly, the book examines how such an innocent-looking image of the Christ Child has touched the lives of countless Filipinos.

Close to his heart

"Friends have been convincing me to produce a book about my career in fashion," says Farrales, founding chair of the Congregacion del Santisimo Nombre del Niño Jesus. "What for? Let others do it [for me]. This book isn't about me. I would rather do something Filipinos from various walks of life could identify with and relate to."

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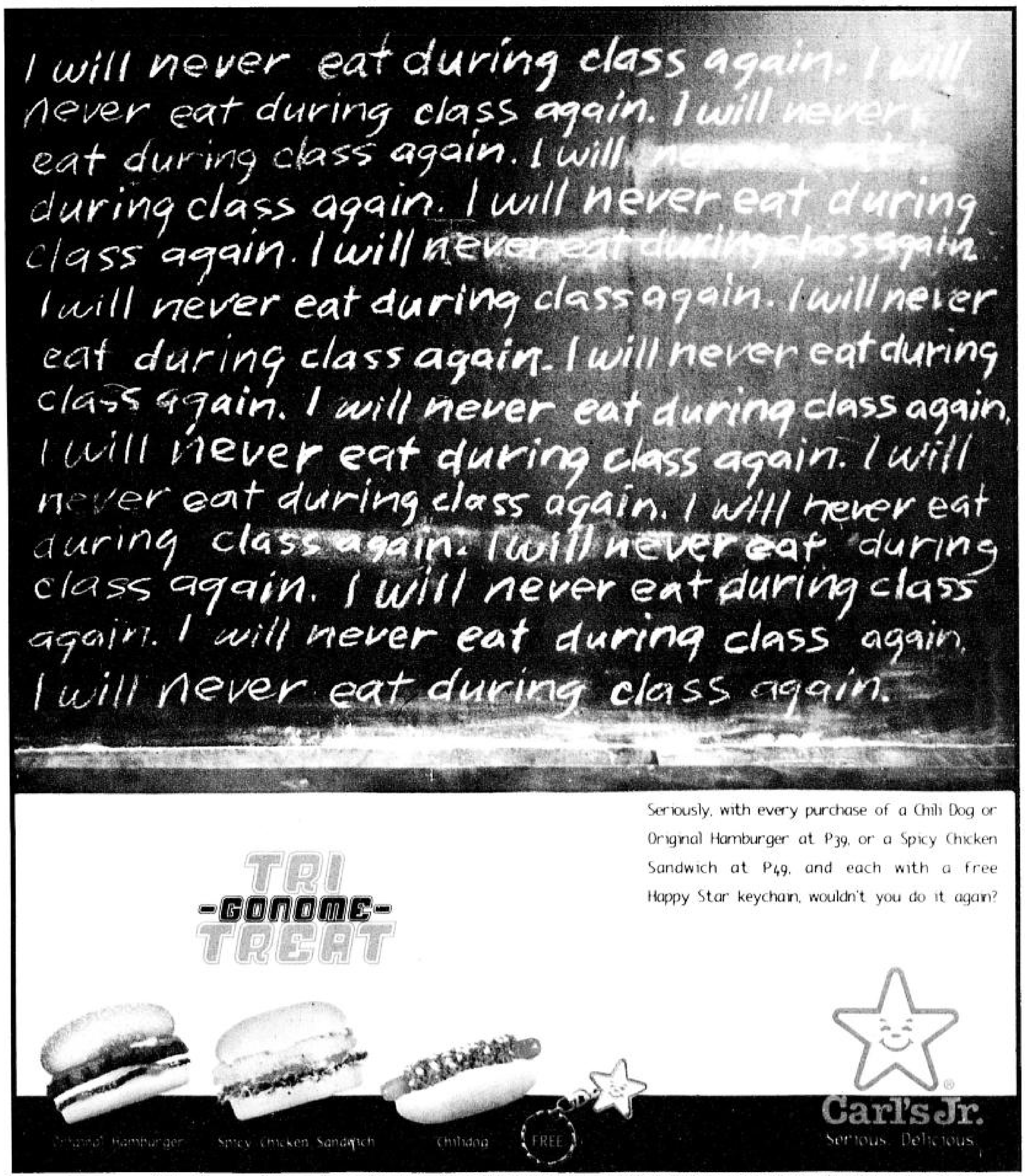
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Dr. Gene Abes

WHAT AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION CAN DO FOR SORE THROAT

Dr. Gene Abes, a Master of Public Health graduate, is the chairman of the ENT Department of the Philippine General Hospital.

In this week's column, we discover the benefits of using oral antiseptics to prevent sore throat and other bacterial infections.

HOW CAN ORAL ANTISEPTICS FIGHT SORE THROAT?

Hexetidine
GARGLE

As I have mentioned before, it may be possible for sore throat to begin as a viral infection and then develop into a bacterial infection. Because of this, oral antiseptics, particularly those containing hexetidine, can have a strong preventive role. Hexetidine has been shown to lower or decrease the bacterial colonies in the mouth and throat.

Sore throat can be transmitted mainly by two modes:
1. Direct Contact - meaning direct exposure to a person with sore throat
2. Indirect Contact - meaning from the utensils and gadgets used by somebody who has sore throat.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BACTERIA ALREADY PRESENT IN OUR THROAT?

In our previous discussion, under natural conditions, the mouth normally contains bacterial flora. These exist in a natural ecological balance with that of the host. Thus, for as long as our immune system is strong, we do not get infected.

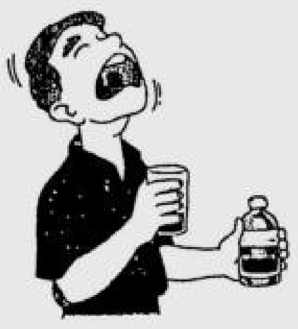
However, if resistance goes down, and the bacteria multiplies beyond the manageable level and simultaneously, enters the host's tissues, then, it could cause a bacterial infection. Normally, the mucous membrane serves as one of the first lines of defense. It contains mucous that traps the bacteria, preventing them from multiplying since the body gradually expels them. The mucous membranes also create a barrier against the entry of new bacteria.

In cases like this, oral antiseptics with hexetidine can help. Gargling with hexetidine kills bacteria to bring back the ecological balance between the bacterial flora and the host.

ARE ORAL ANTISEPTICS SIMILAR TO ANTIBIOTICS?

No. Antiseptics are chemical substances. Antibiotics, on the other hand, are substances that usually come from another organism or may be chemically produced substances similar to that which is produced by the organism. Antiseptics can both kill and inhibit the growth of bacteria. While some antibiotics may also do this, some only have the ability to inhibit growth without killing the bacteria. By killing bacteria, you decrease the number, thus reducing the chances of developing an infection. Hexetidine has been proven to be effective in clinical studies both in vitro (in the laboratory where hexetidine was tested on a culture medium) and in vivo (meaning testing was performed on live individuals).

IS THERE A RIGHT WAY TO USE ORAL ANTISEPTICS?



Since the role of oral antiseptics is to reduce the number of bacteria that may complicate infection, it must be able to wash the areas where bacteria are commonly found. The tonsils and the teeth are reported to harbor the most number of bacteria in normal individuals. Hence, the head must be tilted upward for the oral antiseptic to reach this area.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ACTION OF LOZENGES AND THAT OF ORAL ANTISEPTICS?

Lozenges are used to relieve sore throat pain. When the lozenges melt, the liquid passes through the oropharynx after being pushed backward by the tongue during swallowing. However, they may not effectively reach the sites where most bacteria are located.

Some of the lozenges have an antiseptic action as well. However, you usually would need to take the lozenges continuously for the same relief that you get with gargling hexetidine only twice a day.

Aside from reaching the side areas of the throat that lozenges cannot reach, oral antiseptics with hexetidine provide longer lasting relief for sore throat pain.

Next week, Dr. Abes will explain how a few gargles of hexetidine can keep a sore throat away.

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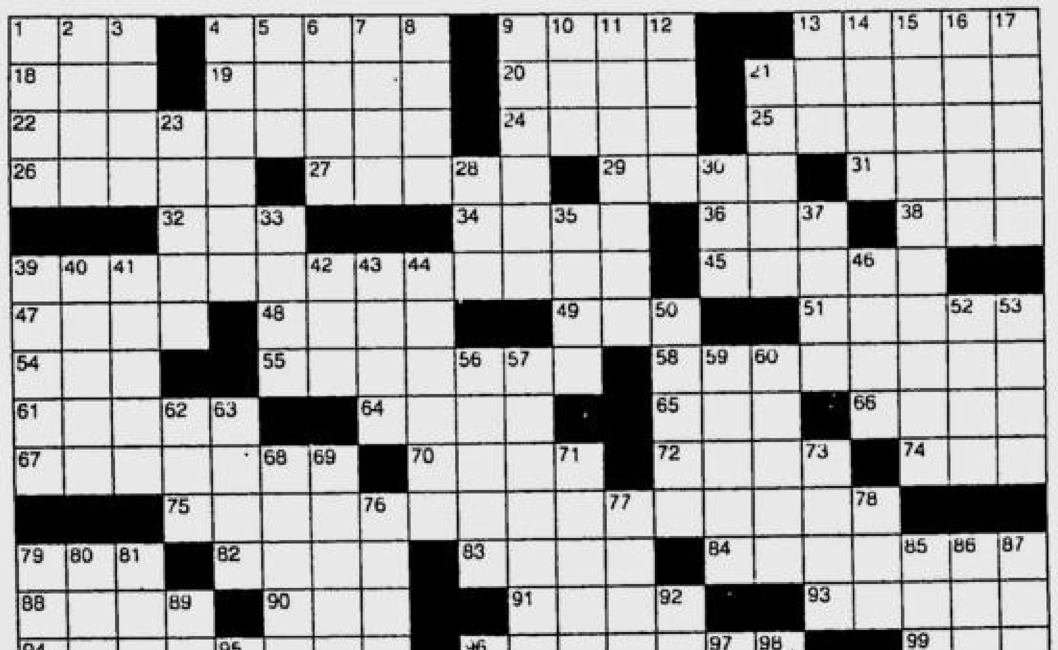

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90 Tokyo, once
91 Like some cellars
93 It may suit you
94 Closet freshener
96 Calculator features
99 Winter hazard
100 Trattoria treat
101 TV chef Martin
103 "— Shuffle" ('77 song)
104 Seaweed product
105 Bobby's flashlight
108 Rodent's Olympic motto?
112 Broad st.
114 "Gotcha!"
115 Article
116 "— Night" ('58 hit)
117 Apt rhyme for squirm
119 "L'—, c'est moi"
121 Matches
125 Inception
129 Cartoonist Charles
131 Writer Charles
133 Fictional rodent?
135 Rink rental
136 List ender
137 "Peer Gynt" composer
138 Psychic Geller
139 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
140 Surrender
141 Big revolver?
142 Sticky stuff

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1 Secure spot
2 — mater
3 Rosary part
4 Speak freely
5 Roth —
6 Exist
7 Temptation location
8 Earl — Biggers
9 Living room
10 Antipollution grp.
11 "The — Jungle" ('50 film)
12 Carry
13 Purrfect pet?
14 Grandpa McCoy
15 Rodent refreshment?
16 Pisces follower
17 Sapphire side
21 Future officer
23 "We've Only Just —" ('70 hit)
28 Hockey legend
30 Urban transport
33 Sugar amts.
35 Barbecue
37 Christmas visitors
39 Voting venue
40 Turn of phrase
41 Sib's kid
42 On the — vive (alert)
43 Summer coif
44 Tristan's tootsie
46 Actress Skye
50 Take the honey and run
52 Mayberry town drunk
53 "Why don't we?"
56 Sadistic
57 In the saddle
59 Saying
60 Cheerful
62 Bk. convenience
63 Neighbor of Thailand
68 Used the microwave
69 Digression
71 Prose piece
73 Boat bottom
76 Atlanta campus
77 Indentation
78 Mintz or Whitney
79 Johnny of "Chocolat"
80 Soap additive
81 City of rodents?
85 Architect Jones
86 Window dressing?
87 McCarthy's trunkmate
89 West. alliance
92 Brace
95 Asta's mistress
96 Snarl
97 Banned pesticide
98 London district
102 Shake up
104 Actor's actor?
106 Spassky's game
107 Pillbox, e.g.
109 Bit of a beach
110 Medical grp.
111 TV's "Eight Is —"
112 About to sink
113 Screwdriver ingredient
118 Spouse
120 Composer Wilder
122 Prod
123 Binchy's "— Road"
124 Tend the sauce
126 Wallop
127 Architect Saarinen
128 Small combo
130 Gibson or Tillis
132 Unbalanced
134 Wager

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T'N'T Trends & Trendings

THE OPENING scene in "Moulin Rouge"

Great film from Baz Luhrmann, chic haunts in Paris and Yamamoto's hip sneakers

By Anton San Diego

NICOLE Kidman stars in the much-awaited film "Moulin Rouge" by Baz Luhrmann.

MUST-WATCH movie—"Moulin Rouge." The production number in the first part of the film will just blow you away. The director, **Baz Luhrmann**, probably took inspiration from the movie "Gladiator" or "Jurassic Park" because the digital technology is up to par and as breathtaking. The movie, a love story between Christian (**Ewan McGregor**) and Satine (**Nicole Kidman**), is moralistic at heart, focusing on the purity of love and the corruption of sex and money. Both actors' musical ability is impressive. The songs are contemporary, from Madonna's "Like a Virgin" to **Elton John**'s "Your Song." And the best part of it all is they manage to pull it off! From the script, lights, production numbers to the actors, everything's great!

Melissa Lopez diary. She has been gone for a while but is now back! She becomes our personal tour guide to the must-see haunts in Paris and tells us why "Pearl Harbor" is not her favorite movie.

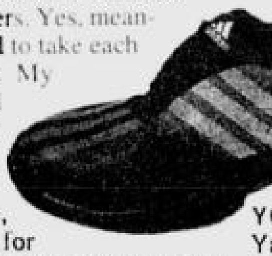
"Dear Anton,

"It is that time of the year when visitors from all over the world come and visit. Just last week I had three different friends, with different budgets and different genders. Yes, meaning girl, boy and gay! I had to take each one to a different place. My grand dame friend and I did lunch at *relais* at the Place Athene—very chic, good and expensive. Not my budget at all and, of course, we had to go shopping for logos. It's not my type anymore, afraid to look Japanese. Speaking of them, I saw 'Pearl Harbor' (Isn't **Josh Hartnett** so cute? Must get the July issue of Vanity Fair). When I got out of the cinema everyone was giving me the dirty look, like I was the one who bombed all those ships. Next time I should wear a T-shirt that reads 'JAP (Jewish American Princess).'

"Living here has taught me to discover many places that don't cost much and yet stylish and not many know about. In the Left Bank I really enjoy going to small boutiques and discovering new styles all the time and inexpensive restaurants, too. Monoprix is the place where you can you can buy stockings, food and even clothes—more to my budget. Yes, it may sound *baduy* but I actually met someone who says that if you are thin, even clothes from Monoprix look good. So true. They sell everything under the sun, but my favorites are the pre-packed sushis from Matsuri Sushi, which cost a mere 50 francs and are so good and, yes, fresh, they have three deliveries a day, I checked.

"Don't miss Rue Cheche Midi, which sells everything from Eres to bread. Poilane is on the same street. It has a restaurant that serves delicious open-faced sandwiches that are so reasonable. I actually sat beside **Marc Jacobs** one lunch time and eavesdropped. It was dullsville. He just talked on why he prefers working for Europeans, his dog, why he hates Fashion Week and yes, about his mother. Where are all the bitchy fashion people to perk up your day like **Andre Leon Talley**? Couldn't he have commented on what he thinks of **Donatella** or **Tom Ford**, the firing of **Kate Betts** at Bazaar, or given me a few points on what to buy for summer? Oh, well. I was just eavesdropping and he was not talking to me.

"If you are on the Left Bank, you mustn't miss Le Bon Marche. It carries many great brands like Joseph, Venessa Bruno and Irie and other difficult-to-find brands owned by the LVMH Group, so know what to expect. For really cheap shopping, you must do the Etienne Marcel area and take a cab or metro. Here's a tip: Don't wear any jewelry. I know we Pinoys just love to wear our South Sea pearls (bought at the *tiangge*?) that are as big as a P5 coin. Forget taking your baguette: it's out! Be careful though, with your bag or you might find yoursel being dragged down the sidewalk by some mugger. (I you are ever attacked, take advantage of your chinky eyes and pretend you know some kung fu. They are so stupid they would actually buy it and run away.)



YOHJI Yamamoto designs an Adidas.

"For trendy items, pass by Collette and see what's the lates in fashion. They always stock up on the season's best. Beware: You won't find anything less than 2,000 francs in that place. Last but no least, one should never miss th weekend market, Clinancourt. You can find art deco objects, sterling silverware, St. Louis crystals and eve an original French surplus store that sells the rea military stuff with all the camouflage you can ge your hands on. I bought a studded belt in black for 3 francs and a camouflage tote bag for 60 francs. I pla to take them with me to Boracay on my next visi This place is really great and is open on Saturday Sunday and Monday. There are so many places t see in Paris that it would take this whole space to fil I hope to see more friends and fellow Pinoys in Paris as it does get lonesome. When are you coming over

"Cheers, Melissa."

Must-have sneakers—Adidas designed by Yohji Yamamoto. No one needs another pair of trainers. Well maybe one should make an exceptio for this one. The king of Japanese fashion has create seven new styles for Adidas infused with h coolness and hipness. The sneakers will be out in July in the US and from what I heard, the waiting li is growing. It's a must-have for every fashionista!

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo vda. de Pendelton. This week, our intrepid socialite and former Mare ponders the reality of life withou

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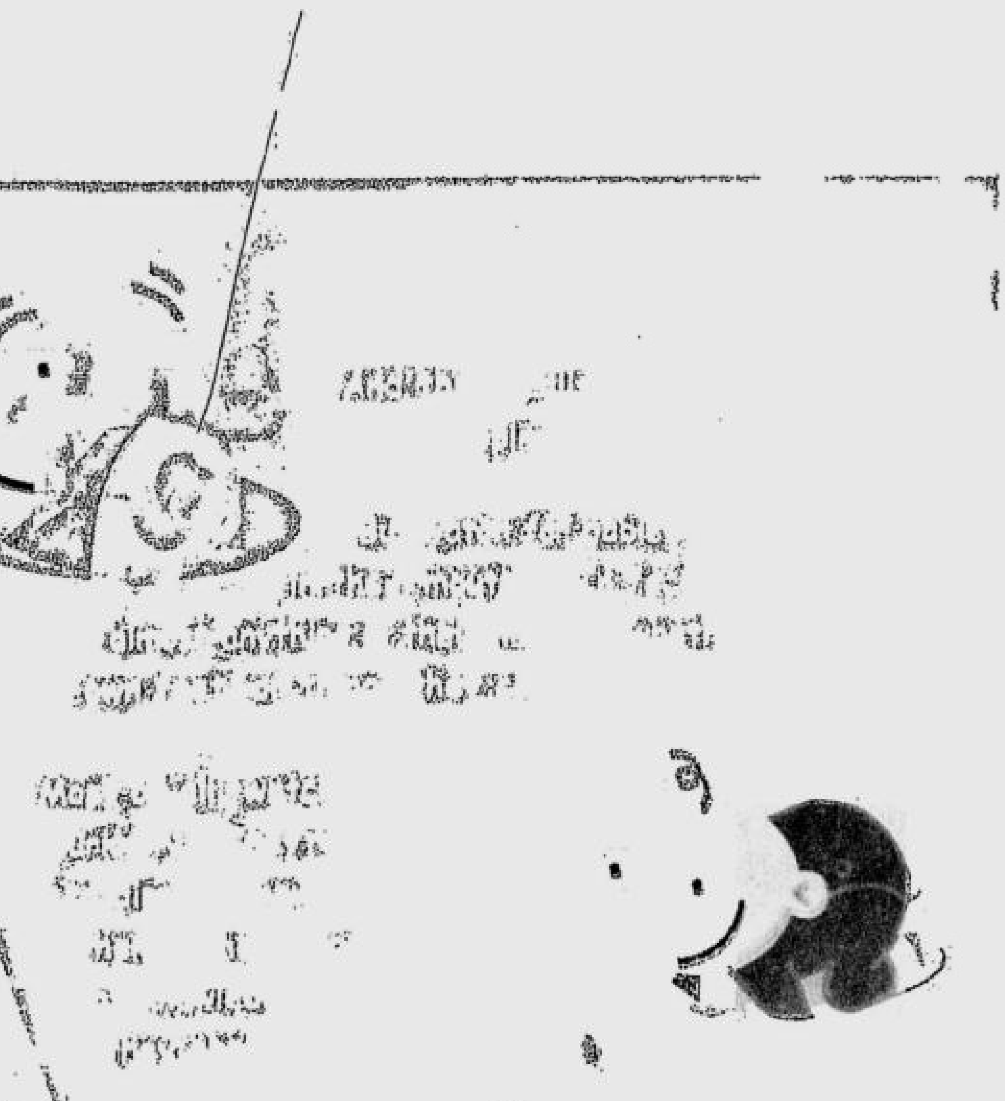

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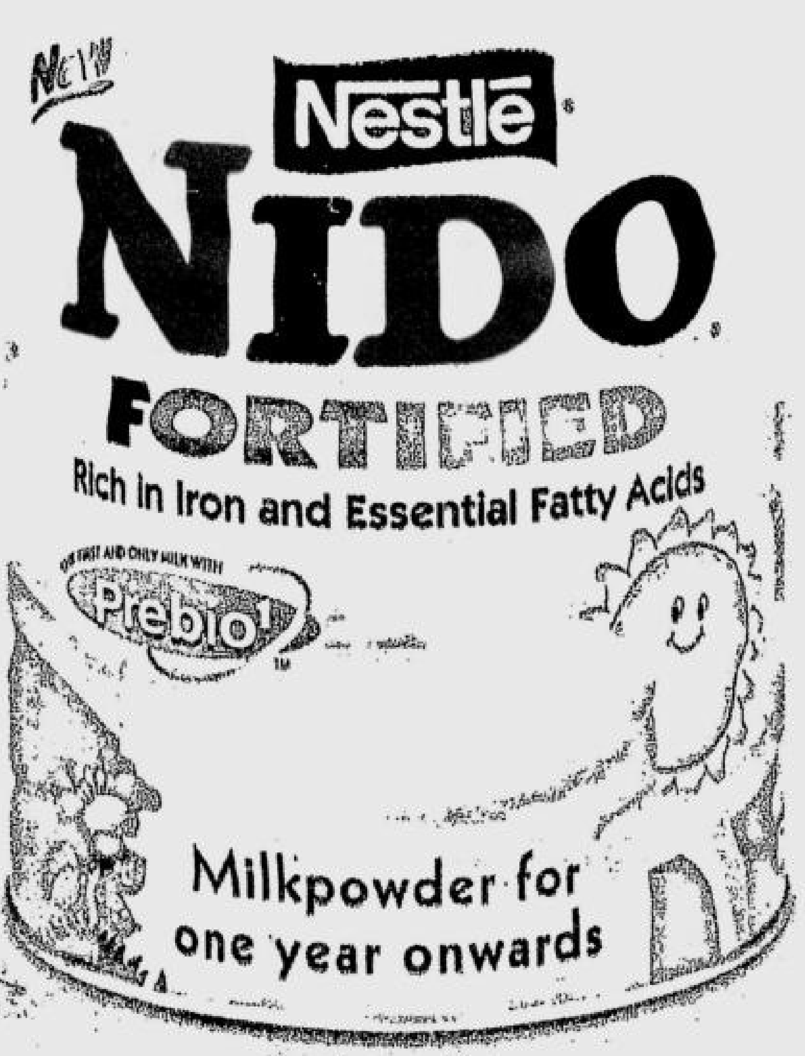
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Ben Farrales and his love child

(From page C1)

forefront of religious and civic work for almost 25 years now. The congregation's activities culminate in an annual procession of various Santo Niño images every January. But the book, he points out, isn't solely about the group and the priceless images that belong to the members.

"It's for everybody with a deep devotion for the Santo Niño," says Farrales. "The book includes all sorts of images, from the elegant to the whimsical to the folkloric." In fact, several featured images belong to nameless families and members of another group. Nor is the book purely concerned with an image's aesthetic and monetary value. What's essential to Farrales is, well, invisible to the eye.

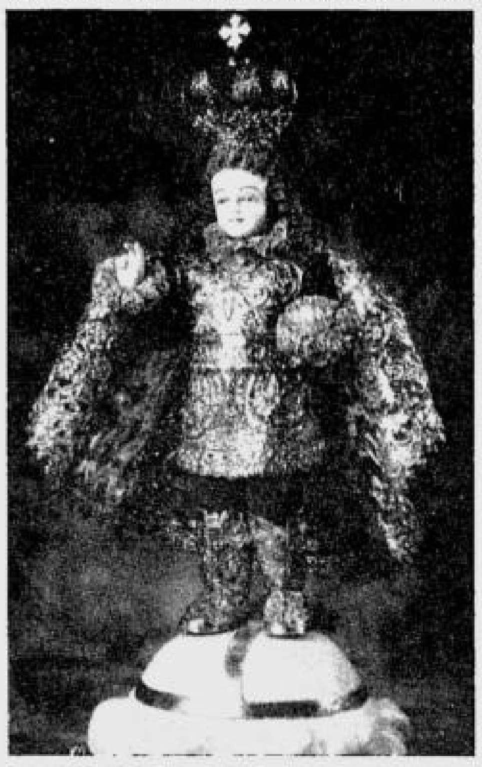
The group has placed more weight on an image's origin and historical significance more than its appearance. Of course, the Santo Niño de Cebu is featured prominently in the book. If you recall your history, the image was a gift of Magellan to Queen Juana of Cebu—the seminal gesture marked the start of the evangelization of the Philippines.

"Some historians claim that the image Legaspi recovered in 1565 wasn't the same one gifted to Queen Juana in 1521," says Florendo. "No matter. The essential point here is that a Santo Niño image was being worshipped by the natives and this worship and devotion has continued to this day."

Birthday

Devotion to the Santo Niño de Cebu antedates that of the world-famous Child Jesus of Prague by 35 years. Farrales is in fact thinking of a separate book-launching in Cebu. The book will be launched in Manila this Friday evening, June 29, at the Manila Metropolitan Museum. The event is two days shy of the fashion designer's 69th birthday.

EUGENE Ong, Ben Farrales, Abe Florendo and George Tapan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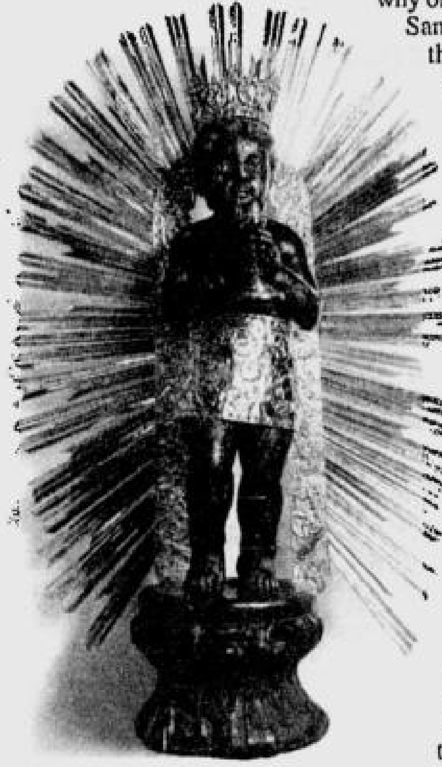
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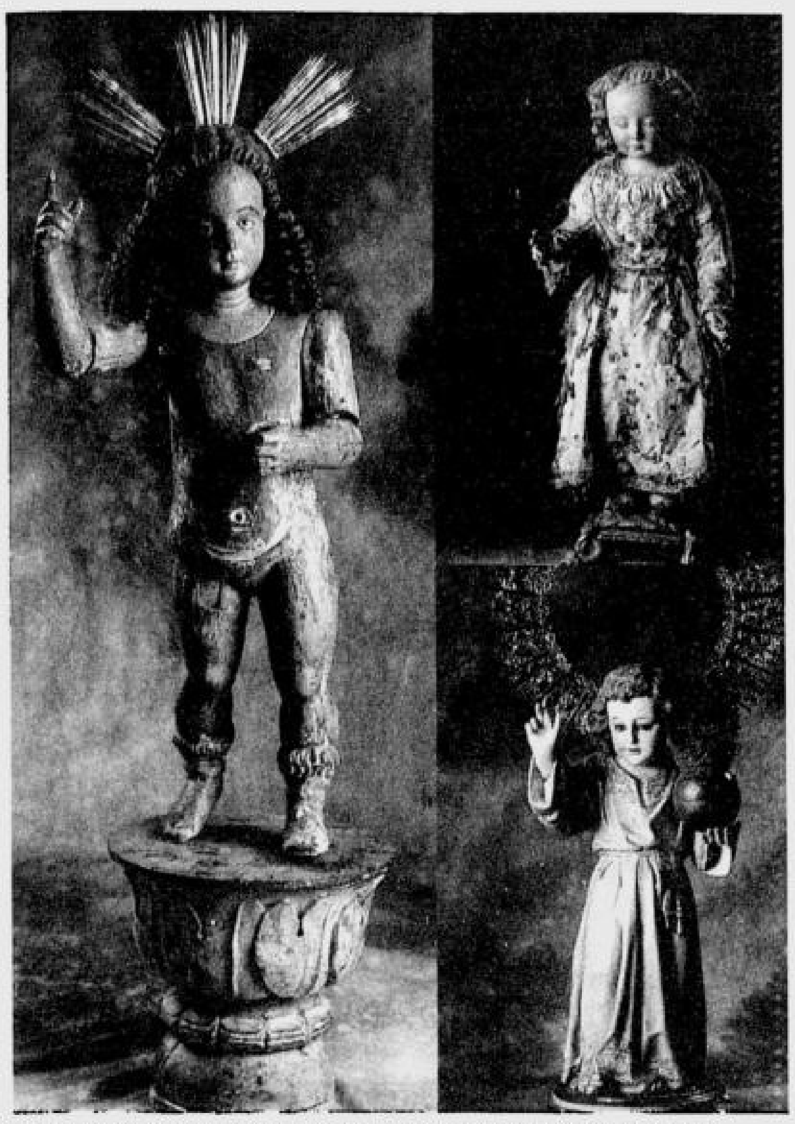
Don't bother to look for the title at National and other mainstream bookstores. The books will be available at Farralles' shop in Malate (tel. nos. 525-3421 and 524-8439) and at the congregation's secretarial at the Pope Pius Center in Ermita (tel. no. 525-9126).

"I'm not in a hurry to unload all of them," he says. "I just wish people would enjoy reading the book as much as we enjoyed working on it." Never mind if the group's six-month target has stretched to more than two years. Meanwhile, the project has been overtaken by events, including a series of peso devaluations, a change of government and a failed power grab.

People have been asking him why only now. "My faith in the Santo Niño has deepened through the years," he says. "It has kept me strong physically and spiritually." For one, Farrales has outgrown his carefree ways in favor of quiet nights spent with friends and his three children in their Bel-Air home.

On a more practical note, Farrales had to set aside money for this once-in-a-lifetime venture. But he has little reason to complain. Despite the emergence of younger, hotter designers, Farrales is never without work. Again, he attributes his staying power to God. So there was simply no turning back once the team got started. "*Nabasa ka na rin lang, maligo ka na.*"


SANTO Niño Eterna Luz (above left), Violago collection and Santo Niño del Mundo (top and bottom right)

For his part, Florendo feels the years he spent as a philosophy student and novice at the monastery of San Agustin in Intramuros were in preparation for doing this book. Aside from extensive research, Florendo relied on production designer Dez Bautista for input. The artist hails from the historic town of Malolos where another group stages its annual Santo Niño procession.

"The many fanciful and imaginative, sometimes ludicrous, titles of the Santo Niño indicate how much we have come to accept the Holy Infant in our lives, our homes, even our workplaces," says Florendo. "Is this true devotion? Yes. Even theologians think so. The image belongs to the people and they can do with it what they find meaningful, beneficial and appropriate for them."

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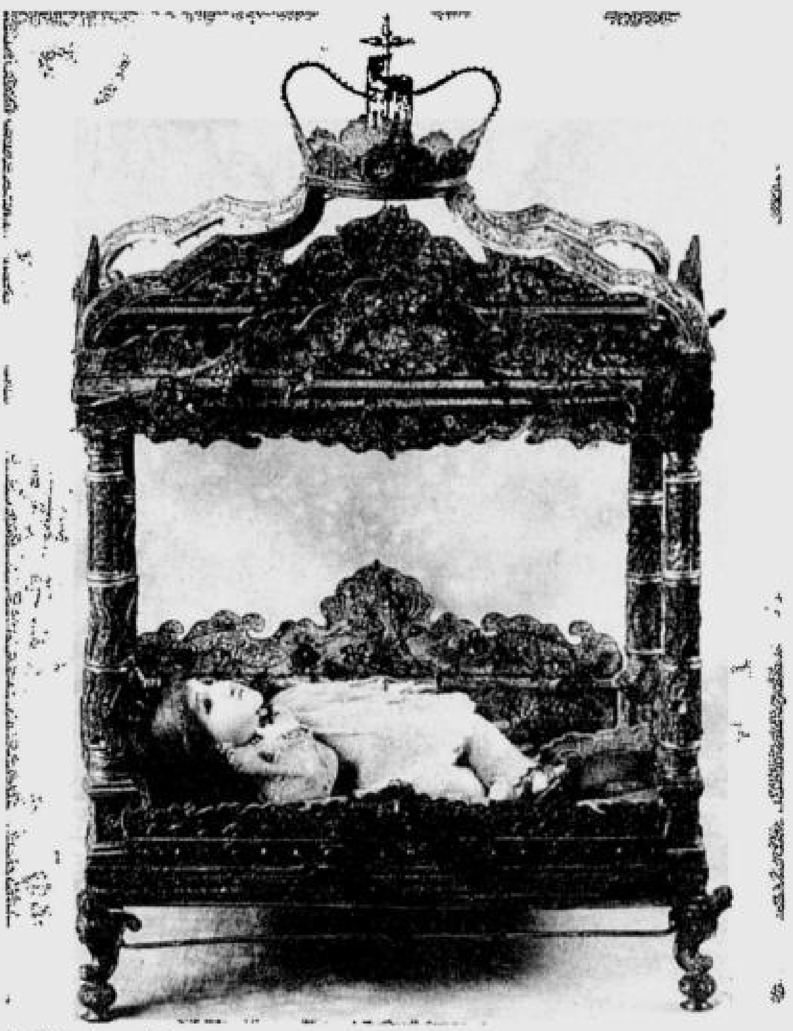
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Great film . . .

(From page C2)

Charmin (US toilet paper), her love for shopping at Price Smart and why she will never step in an Ever Gotesco mall.

"Imagine my surprise when I mosied over to the S&R Price at the Fort on Saturday to do my groceries with my faithful maid Irma. Now, I am most definitely not the sort of person for whom doing the groceries is an integral part of Saturday! But last Saturday, I dragged myself out of bed at 3 p.m. despite an awful hangover because I thought I would try and do the suburban thing for once. Besides (and more important) I was out of Charmin.

"To digress a bit, I must tell you that Charmin is one of life's essentials—I can't live without it. (I know what you're thinking—but rest assured, I am well educated in the ins and outs of propriety. If Mommy ever heard me rhapsodizing about toilet paper in public, she would shoot me, so don't blame her.) Anyway, so imagine my horror when I got to the S&R Price only to find it closed due to a temporary restraining order from some obviously ill court! So there I was in my Saturday grocery best—APC outfit, Hermes sneakers and Dior shades. All dressed up with nowhere to shop and no Charmin.

"Imagine then my extreme distress when I had to run to another grocery and purchase a, shall we say, less satisfactory brand of toilet paper! It's enough to drive a girl to drink—which is precisely what happened! I can only blame the owner, a certain Mr. Go of Ever Gotesco group for initiating this sorry chain of events with his court order—leading directly to my Sunday hangover. Mr. Go, how could you do this to all the happy shoppers at S&R Price? Don't you realize that my mommy and her friends have turned the S&R Price into their own version of Chiva Som? I mean, they walk there all afternoon every day for their health. So, apart from driving me back to Brannvin, if anything should happen to my mommy and her friends because of their lack of exercise, I would lay the blame squarely on you! I mean, do you know how sad it is to see those poor women sitting around their houses because they no longer have a venue for their exercise? I ask you! Have you no sense of social responsibility? Besides, why did you wait until the S&R Price was up and running and successful before doing this? Surely you knew it was coming up? This is no little boutique! As they said in an episode of 'Sex and the City,' 'Honey, if you don't eat p—sy, you're not a dyke.' You, Mr. Go, are certainly no dyke and you certainly don't have a right to do this.

"For my part, I will never step foot in an Ever Gotesco mall again (Come to think of it, though, I never have and neither has anyone I know) and I strongly encourage everyone to follow suit until Mr. Go relents and drops his case so we can get our Charmin and exercise again!"

In the intervening period between the time Ms Pendelton submitted this article and the time we are publishing it, the Price Club reopened. Could Ms Pendelton be a psychic?

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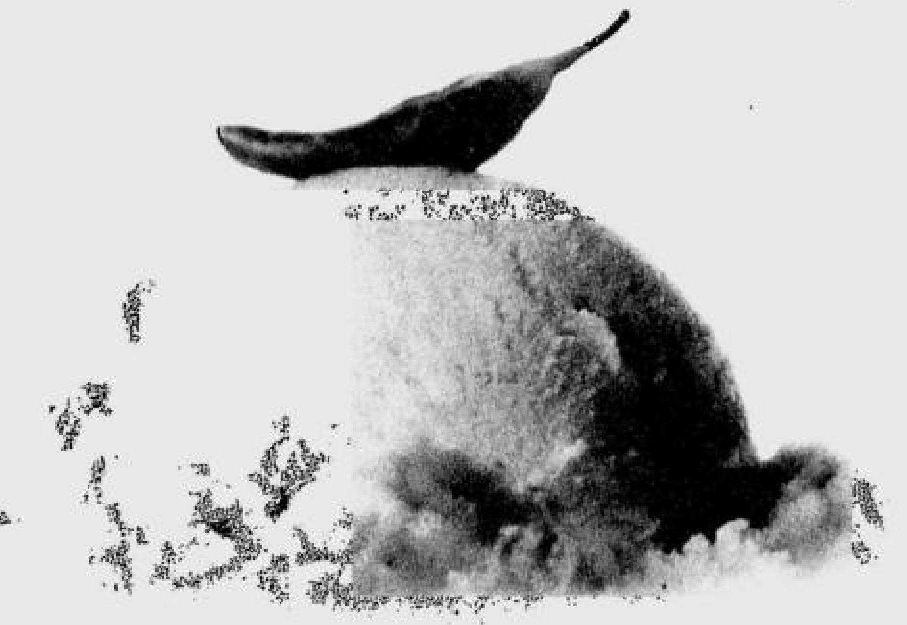

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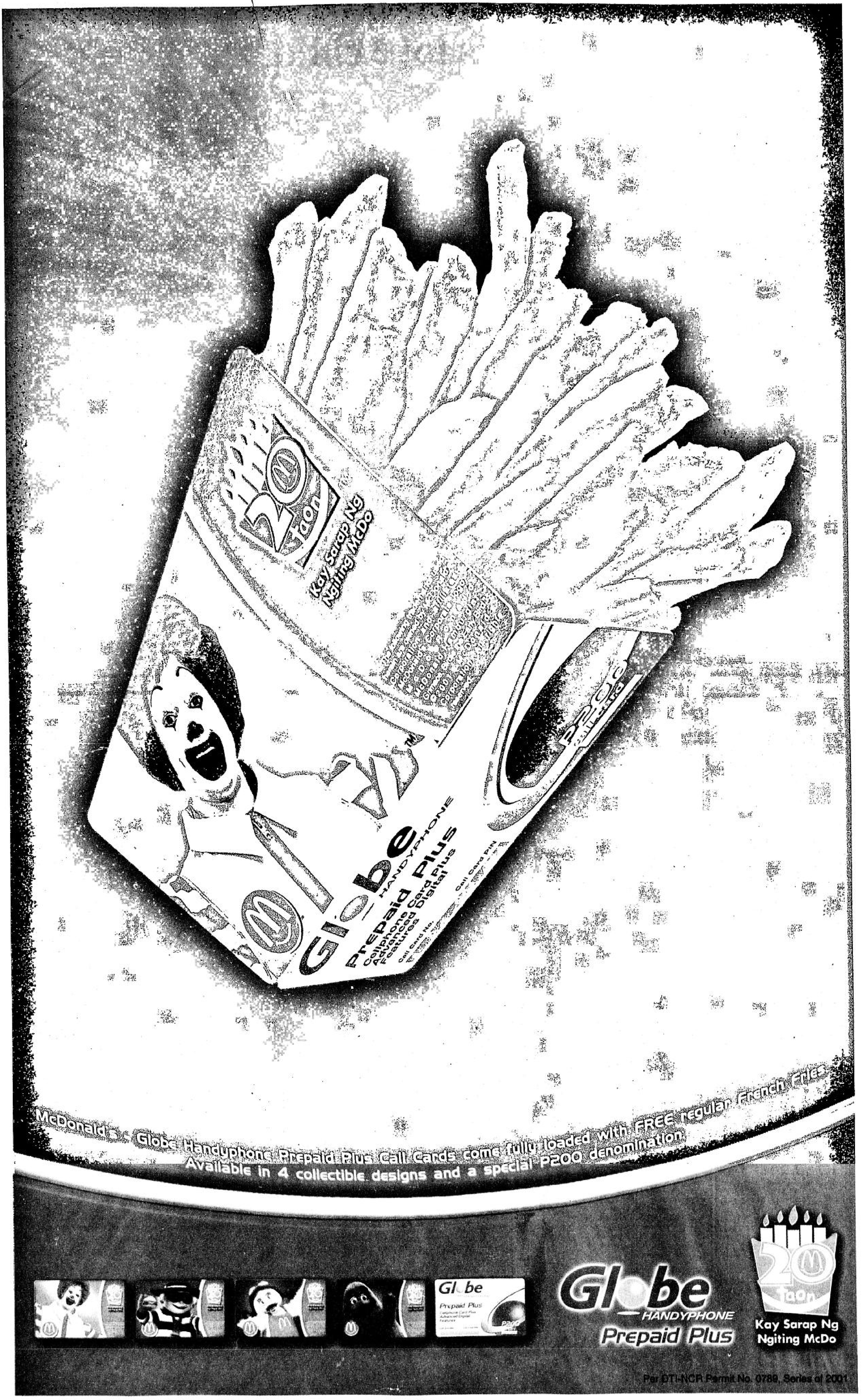
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Manila mayor shames Cecile Licad

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LAST June 13, **Ma. Josefina Pia T. Sacro** of the cultural affairs bureau of Manila City Hall, faxed a letter to celebrated pianist **Cecile Licad**, congratulating her for being chosen for the Gatpuno Antonio Villegas Award for culture.

Music writer **Pablo Tariman**, Licad's representative in Manila, received the letter. Sacro requested for photos and other materials on Licad ("including a baby picture for our PowerPoint presentation") so Tariman had to set aside personal time to dig up old files. Sacro said the need was urgent and said she would send the messenger to pick up the materials. It took the messenger two days to find Tariman's Pasig address and the music writer, who had to reschedule several appointments, wondered how City Hall could take its sweet time on a matter that it considered urgent.

City Hall sent five invitations for the awards ceremony to the Licad family. After calling the Licads in New York, Tariman informed City Hall that Licad could not personally come to receive the award, but that her mother, **Rosario Licad**, would be back in Manila just in time to receive it for her daughter.

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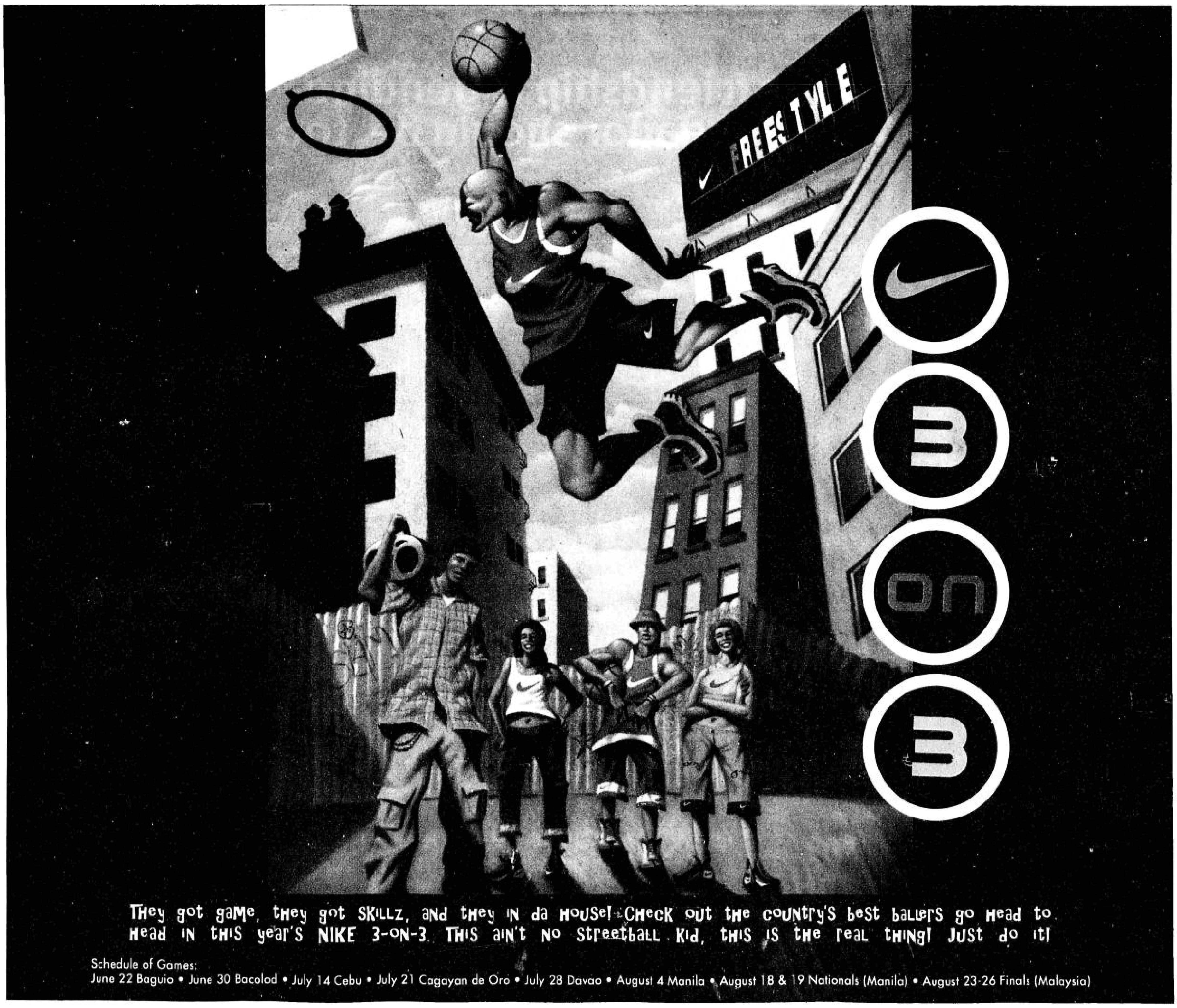

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Restaurant traumas

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

IT'S not just the extreme weather change that's causing the increasing complaints on food contamination sent to us by readers. Take this letter, for example. In a gist, this is what Sharleen S. of sharleen@axti.com wrote:

She was waiting to be served in a fast-food restaurant when she saw a waiter trip while he was on his way to serve breakfast to a customer. Two fish fillets flew off the tray and landed on the floor. When the waiter recovered his poise, he picked up the fillets, returned them casually to the plate and continued on his way to serve the food to the waiting customer. "What else are they capable of doing in the kitchen, I wonder?" Sharleen asked.

Encounter with roaches

Finding roaches in the dish is an alarming complaint that keeps turning up in our mailbox. The latest complaint was sent recently by Jeremy T. of e-mail address jeremy@millennium.com.ph.

He wrote: "Until our unforgettable encounter this afternoon with a roach in the soy sauce, we used to dine frequently in a well-publicized Japanese restaurant in Quezon City. We had already consumed our maki and sashimi when my wife saw the roach. I showed the horrible sight to the head cashier, but she just took it lightly and with a smile told us, 'Sir, we're really sorry about this very unfortunate situation and we'd like to offer you a 10 percent discount off your bill.'

"I told the cashier my wife was pregnant and she could get sick with the contaminated sauce. The cashier consulted the owner of the restaurant and offered to give us a 50 percent discount, then later said the owner approved the waiving of our bill. If any lawyer were interested, I would like to sue the establishment and demand half a million-peso damage. And if he wins the case, I'll pay this restaurant to cook good Japanese food for 1,000 hungry families."

Roach also turns up in the complaint of R. Palma (e-mail address dumihans@yahoo.com). He ordered a take-out pizza at a restaurant in Alabang. When the counter server was about to slice the pizza in the box, Palma discovered the roach there.

Here is the reply of the restaurant management to the complaint of Palma: "We have already increased the frequency of our pest control treatment from every other week to a weekly basis. Also, we have re-oriented our staff on food safety and sanitation including the folding and storing of pizza boxes. On top of that, our restaurant manager has instructed us to consistently monitor the cleaning of the establishment."

The third roach gripe was sent by Anne Lumanlan. She said she was savoring her second slice of pizza when she noticed a brown object in the filling. At first she mistook it for burnt color but when she looked closely, she was horrified to find the lower leg segments of a roach. She complained and was offered a replacement for the contaminated pizza slice. Lumanlan commented, "The experience was a turn-off. We feel shortchanged by this high-end pizza parlor that spends so much money on promotions. It should change its name to Ipiz-za Parlor!"

Floating object

Floating maggot in the soup was the complaint of John Jacob Saylon, a 23-year-old computer programmer. He was about to finish his soup when his girlfriend noticed the horrifying object.

He wrote: "The floor manager agreed it was a worm. She then explained that it could have fallen from the ceiling and offered us a free bowl of soup. I said the soup should be tested in a laboratory so I would know what I ate and what effect to expect. I was told the kitchen crew threw the soup away."

The story did not end there but was continued at the police headquarter located near the restaurant.

Fast-food poisoning

What is taking the Manila Trial Court a long time to issue the final verdict on the complaint of alleged food poisoning filed by couple Bill and Dodie Householder against a multinational fast-food establishment? The incident happened on July 19, 1999 when pregnant Dodie ate hamburger sandwich that was said to be contaminated with mold. It was blamed for the ailment that followed. She suffered from stomach cramps, dizziness and tunnel vision.

To make a long story short, the restaurant assumed payment of the hospital bill and reimbursed doses of medicine needed for the health of the unborn baby. But that didn't stop the couple from filing a suit against the restaurant and thus began the trial pains. In the course of the investigation, the restaurant alleged that it wasn't Dodie but Bill who ate the contaminated burger. The other allegations denied that Dodie experienced pre-term labor and accused her of imagining things.

"We learned that the prosecutor made her decision last December and submitted it to her superiors for confirmation on whether or not it merits decision. We were told the decision will be mailed to us last February. It's June now and we haven't heard from the Manila Trial Court." Why the delay?

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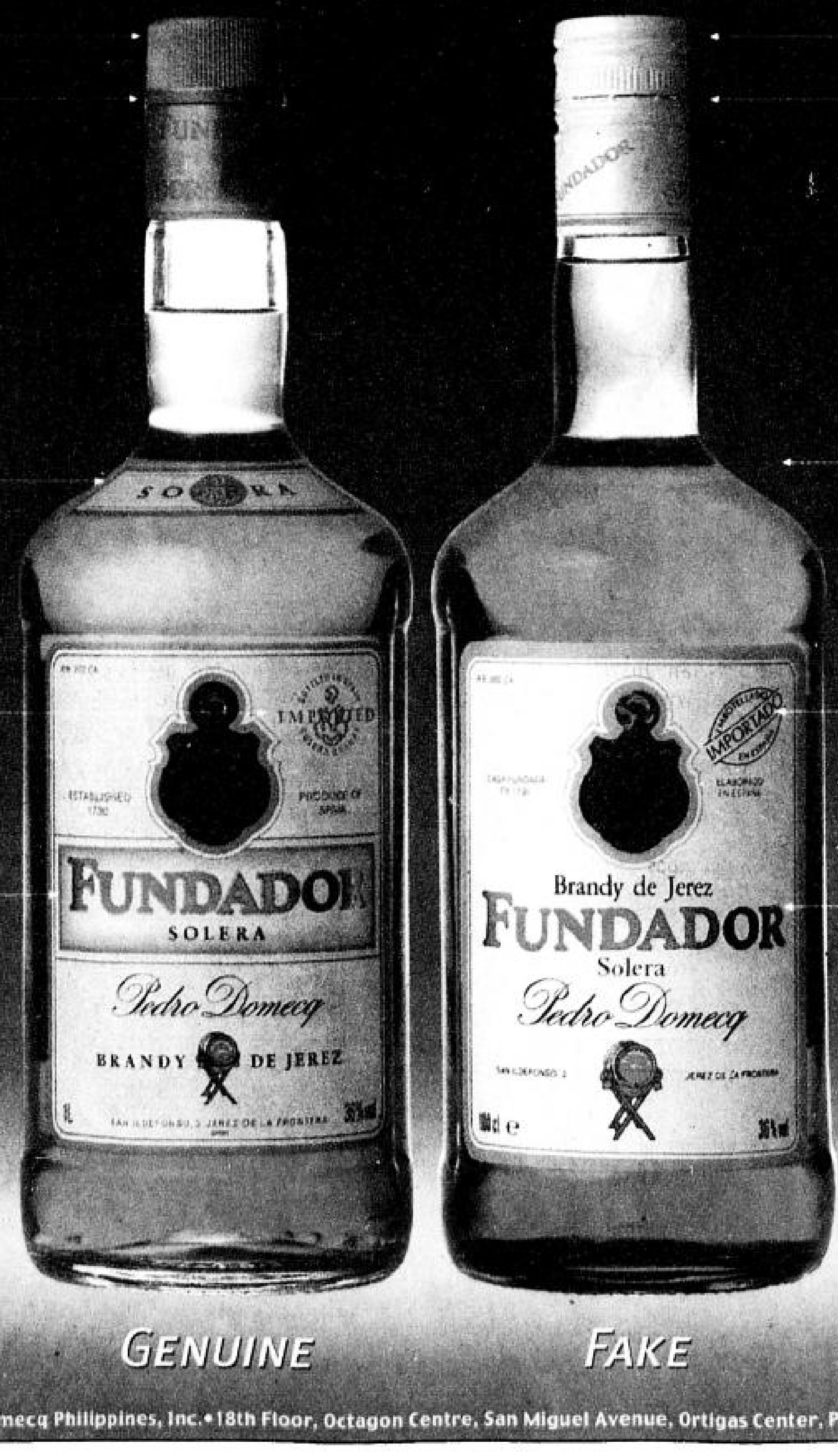

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Letter sender advises another on pursuing her education

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Imelda,

I read your letter (PDI Lifestyle, 05/18/01) and I cannot but help write to you. Unfortunately, I am in no position to offer you any scholarship. I would just like to share with you my experience and, hopefully, it will be able to help you evaluate your options.

I worked for eight years with an NGO. It has a holistic approach and one of its programs is on education—adult informal education and early childhood education—among others.

During those years I saw women in depressed areas learn to become paraprofessional teachers. One was a mother who only got to reach sixth grade. This did not stop her from learning and becoming an educator herself sans a college diploma. She did a lot for the poor like her in her very own community and environment.

There were other ladies in their teens and early 20s who underwent training to become paraprofessional teachers also. They worked as such and pursued part-time college education in the evenings. Many of them are studying at the Philippine Normal University. Some were able to avail of scholarships being offered by this school.

The common denominator among these paraprofessional teachers is that none of them had a college degree in education or any other degree at all. They only had the desire to be of service to their community and earn enough to tide over their families' needs.

For this aspect on early childhood education, a linkage with a very progressive school was established by the NGO. This school is the Community of Learners (CL), the same group behind the TV program "Batibot." I've seen a few of the staff of CL working toward development education as teacher aides or community organizers and, at the same time, pursuing their college education. CL gave them room to grow professionally and achieve a degree while working with them. It took them years to finish their course but they did in the end, with their dignity pretty much intact.

When one's options are limited, compromises have to be made somewhere along the way. Tradeoffs are always part of the game, especially in these difficult economic times. And as you said, your parents have already spent a lot for you. Probably you can find a way to earn and help them while pursuing an education.

I know that these are unsolicited pieces of advice that might earn your ire. My apologies if I did.

Wishing you all the best.

G.

Thank you for your letter to Imelda. I wish you had stated the address of the Community of Learners. The PLDT telephone directory does not have their number. I hope you will not mind my revealing here your e-mail address because other readers may want to get in touch with you: garbrielle@cyberhip.ph.

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WHEN I read Ms Capunong's SOS in your column, I decided to share this. I had the opportunity of meeting out-of-school youths like her (and adults, too) while campaigning for then Sen. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for vice president in 1998 in Davao City. Those students were able to continue education in a non-formal setup. The current registration will be on July 1, and it may be too late for her this time, but she and your other readers may be interested to know its address.

Out-of-school youth and adults (18 years old and above) can take for free the Non-Formal Education Accreditation and Equivalency tests, a project of the Bureau of Non-Formal Education under the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. Their address: 3/F Mabini Building, DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City. Those interested can write for information on the next tests. Requirements are simple and few: two ID photos, birth or baptismal certificate, marriage contract, TIN or voter's ID. Those who pass the test will have many benefits, including a permanent appointment to government positions requiring completion of elementary or high school education, provided of course that the other requirements are met. Test registration centers are found in all regions of the Philippines.

M.S.

Thank you for the valuable information. Many of our out-of-school youths should really take advantage of these free tests because they will be able to have certificates comparable to the elementary and high school diploma of our formal school system.

Here is a postscript quite beyond the topics the two of you, ladies, have written about.

On the other side of the coin—where pursuing higher education means being able to earn more for a living, in our day and age, there are other ways to be able to make both ends meet.

There is a young lady who makes cute gift boxes out of telephone directory pages. A housewife has earned tuition money for her son by cooking and selling *turon* (fried banana wrapped in *lumpia* wrapper). And another jobless young lady is starting to make décor out of cardboard rolls of tissue paper.

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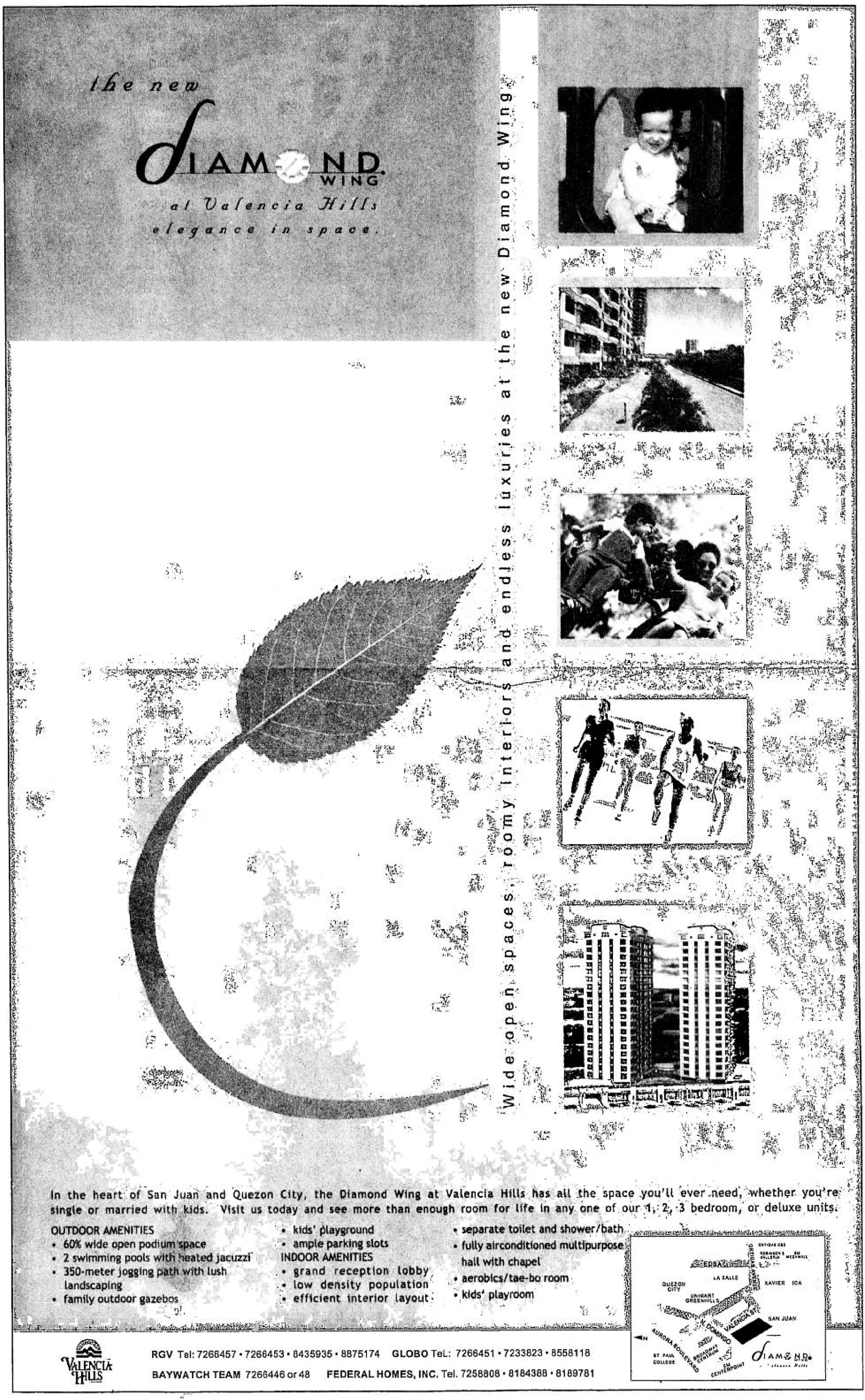

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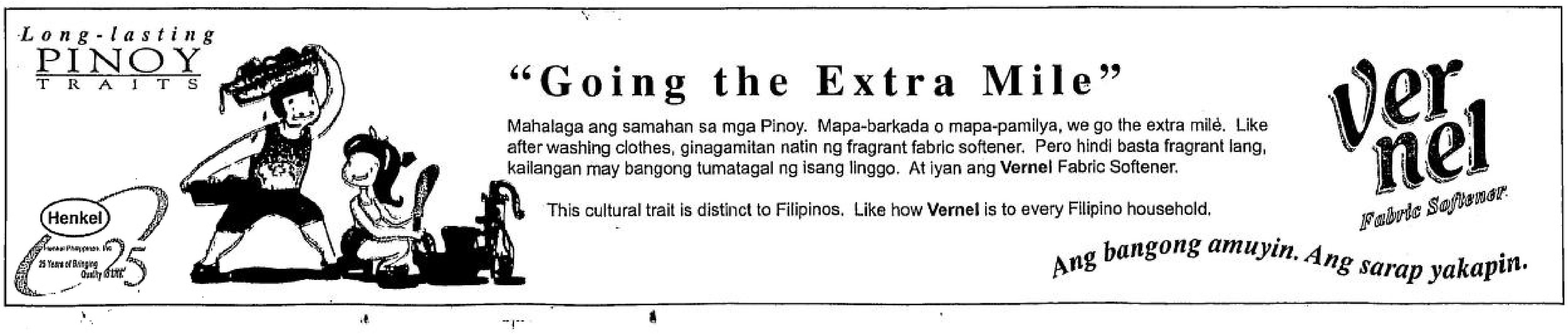
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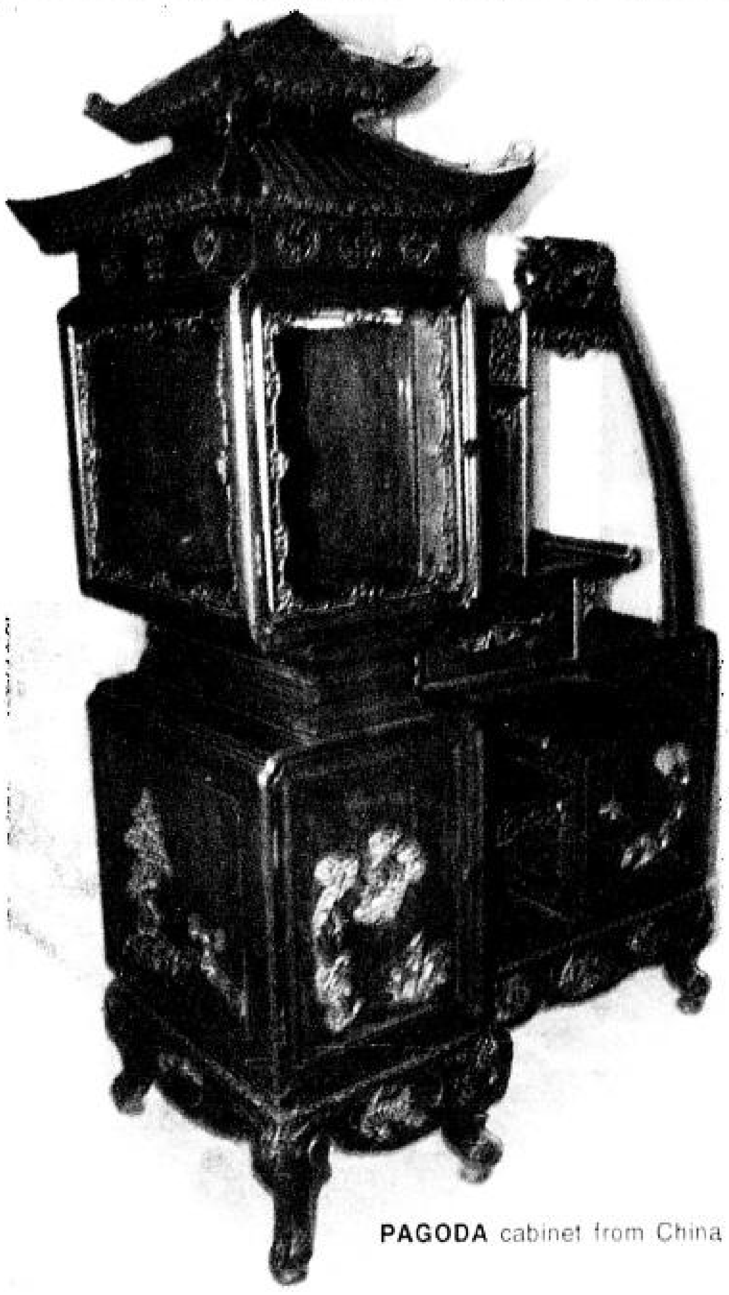
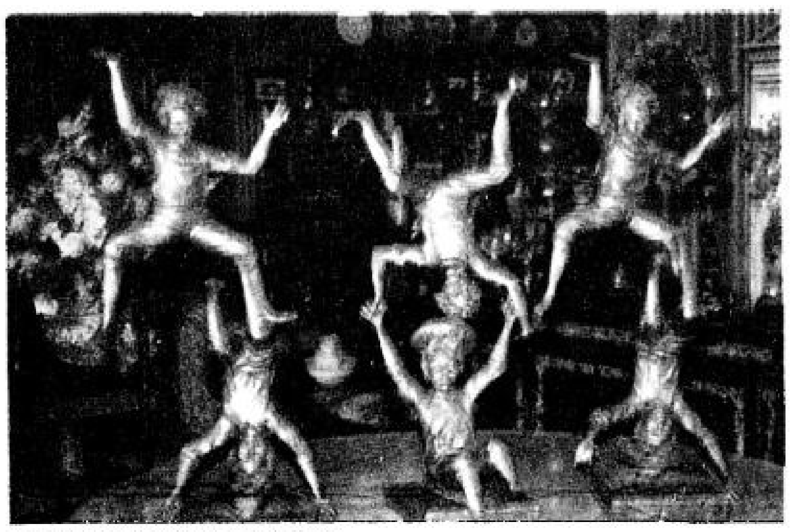


PAGODA cabinet from China

MARBLE dining table from India



EUROPEAN bronze sculptures

Thrill of the old hunt

By Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Romy Homillada

FAR from the world of auction hype and its glitzy catalogs, there remain a few rare oases where buying art is still the fun it used to be ages ago.

Jo-Liza Antique Shop's third exhibit-sale on July 2-13 is one, with Oriental and European art as a privileged hunting ground.

"Old is in. Even if an establishment has a modern setting, there'd always be an antique accent piece. It's a good investment for it never devalues. At our exhibit, there will be repros made of old wood but are also collectible," says Viring de Asis, the shop's owner.

About 150 pieces of antiques and reproductions of furniture and accessories will be showcased at the Activity Center of Alabang Town Center in Alabang, Muntinlupa. Some of the selections belong in the category of pure kitsch. Others are of astounding vigor and purity.

To be exhibited and offered for sale are temple doors, solo chairs, swings with enamel, garden umbrellas, marble dining table with inlay from India; pagoda cabinet, opium bed, bridal bed, arm chair and sala set of black wood from China; bronze Buddha from Thailand; medicine cabinet from Korea; Satsuma jars from Japan; living room set from Vietnam; ivory saints from the Philippines; silver items from Burma; fire screen, cabinet with mirror, wooden sideboard and divan with brocade from Paris; 19th century bronze sculptures from Europe; and marble table with inlay from Italy.

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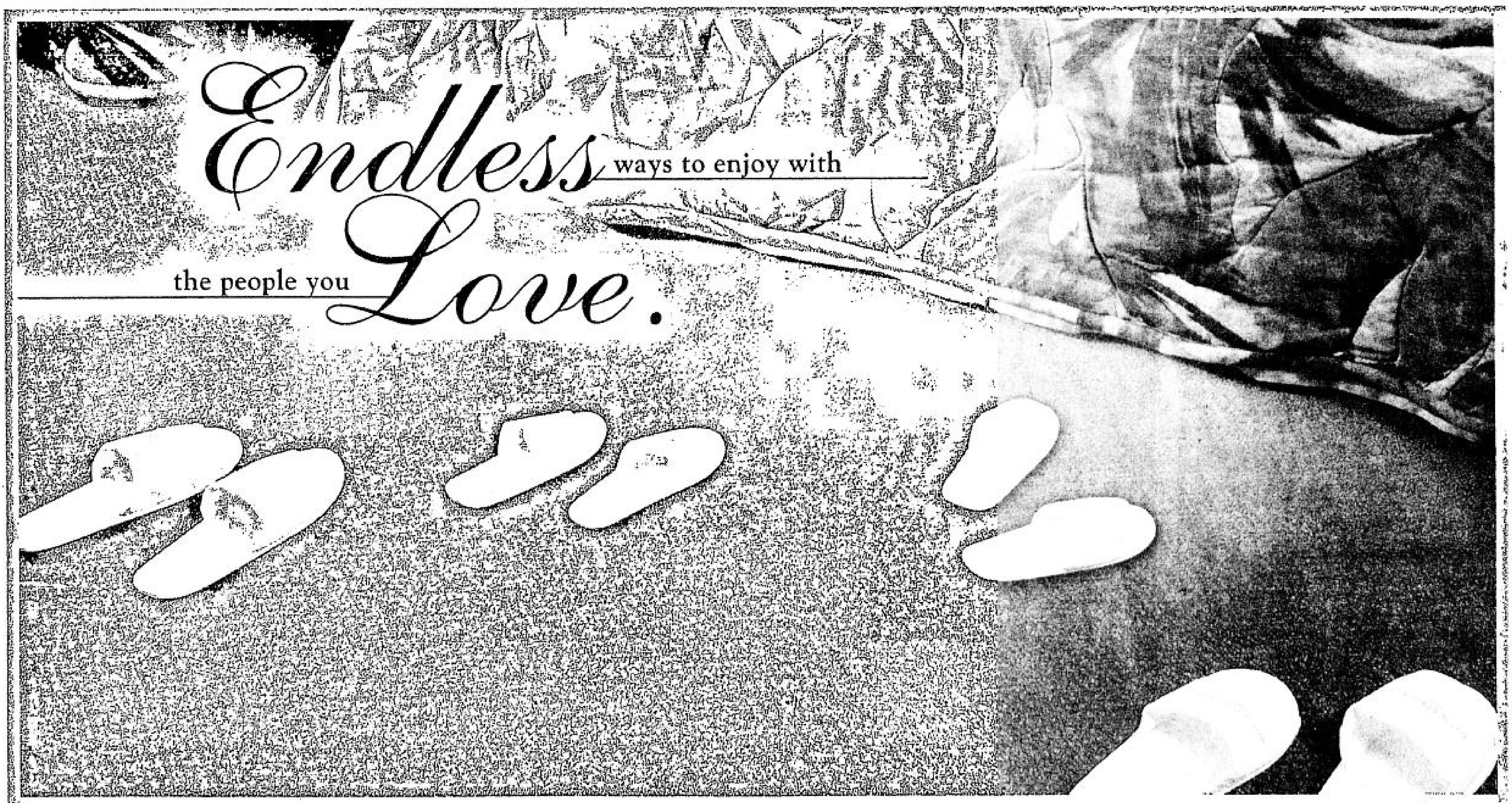
Viring de Asis is exhibiting what she loves best—antiques

SATSUMA jar from Japan



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FDAP launches Bodyshots 2001

THE HUNT is on for bright and promising male and female models with that elusive X factor. The Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines (FDAP) launched the Bodyshots 2001 Model Competition at a luncheon hosted by Country Waffles Restaurant in Greenhills.

The 30 official candidates in this year's search were presented in a three-part fashion parade directed by top choreographer Joey Espino Jr. The model-aspirants wore casual outfits from Bench, Sisley, Esprit, British India, U2 and beachwear from Naf Naf.

Now on its 12th year, Bodyshots has become the springboard for many of today's top ramp stars like Marina Benipayo, Patty Betita, Gem Padilla, Rachel Soriano, Eazel Don, Baba Parma, Joan Bitagcol, Wilma Doesnt and, among the males, Randy Salvino, Bong Regala and Mike Sol Cruz. Other outstanding alumni are lawyer-broadcaster Rod Nepomuceno, singer Calvin Millado and actors Eric Quizon, John Estrada and Ricardo Cepeda. Last year's winners, JP Abinuman and Jay-R Valentin, have joined the ranks of Manila's most in-demand models.

Competing for this year's top female model discovery award are Ardel de Jesus, Shella Peters, Romina Jeffrey, Paula White, Judal Sumay, Jennifer McDonald, Bambi Abdulsani, Christy McGuire, Nikki Meneses, Michelle Schulte, Cristalin Gan, Race Tagad, Gi-Anne Colendrez, Amy Verbo and Joyce Ortega.

In the male division, the contestants are Mark Lopez, Norwin Crespo, Senen Dizon, Luke Mucklin, James Bautista, Jesse Altamirano, Lauren Novera, Jimmy Velasquez, Manolo Andres, Solomon Glass, Jairus Colendrez, Zan Joe Marudo, Archie Bautista, Eric Gonzalez and Jonathan Camara.

The winners will be proclaimed at a grand pageant on June 30 at the University Theater of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, QC. Direction by Joey Espino Jr., makeup by Jingky Ilusorio and hairstyling by Hairbytes. Pageant photographers are Jun de Leon, Raymund Isaac and Dominique James.

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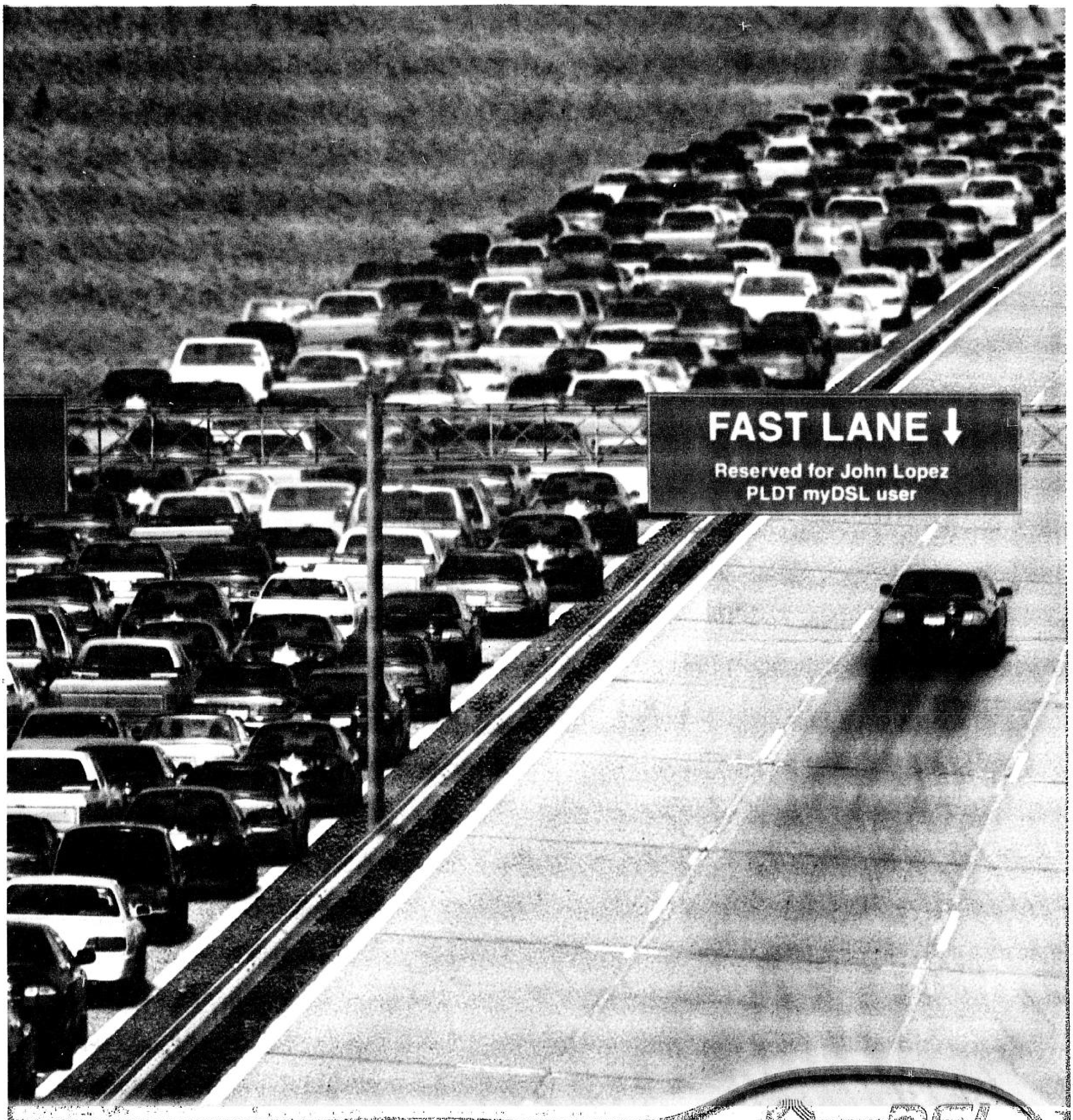

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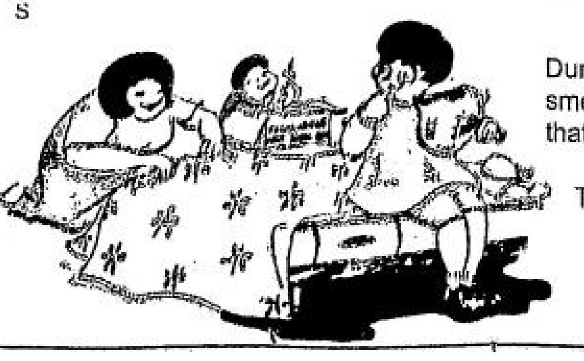

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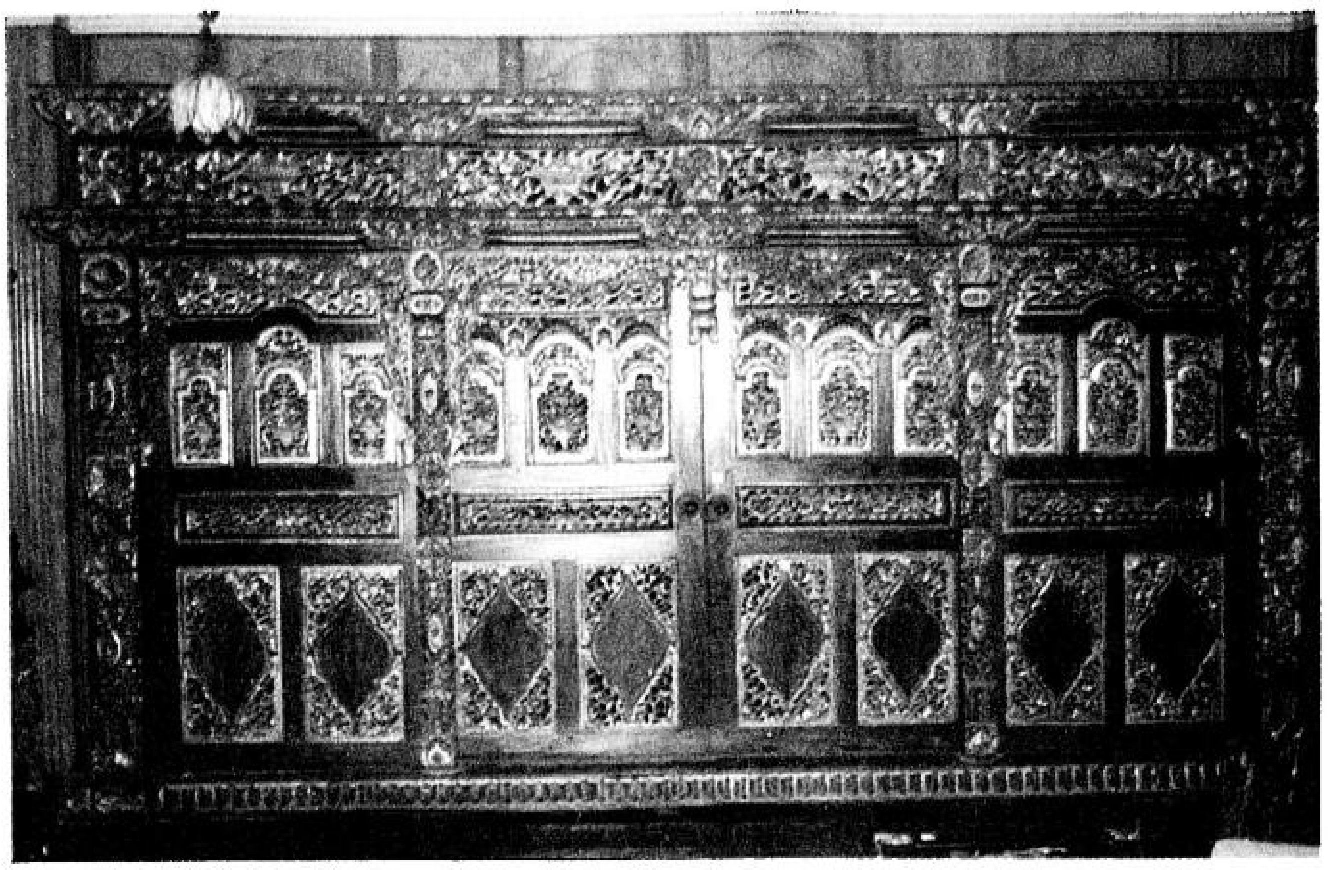
WOODEN sideboard from Paris



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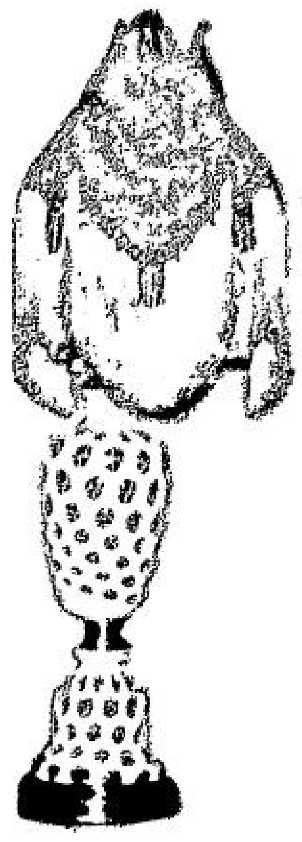

SATSUMA lamp from Japan

Thrill of the old hunt

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VIRING de Asis and daughter Joan Salgado on a swing with enamel from India

Although old objects are venerated for their charm and historical importance, de Asis believes that like beauty, the worth of a particular piece of art lies in the eye of a beholder. "I go crazy once I see antiques. So whatever interests me, I immediately buy. And I've never been disappointed in the things I've collected."

Inspired by her friend Manoling Morato to go into antique collecting, de Asis set up her first store in their apartment garage in San Juan where she sold and bought old furniture. Then in 1963, she established Jo-Liza Antique Shop, named after her daughters Joan Salgado and Liza Maya. "We started with items like refrigerators and electric fans, anything that could be profitable."

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Around the world, thousands of wealthy people have decided to park their money in art, hoping for a hedge against inflation, insurance in an unsteady currency market and an investment for long-term growth.

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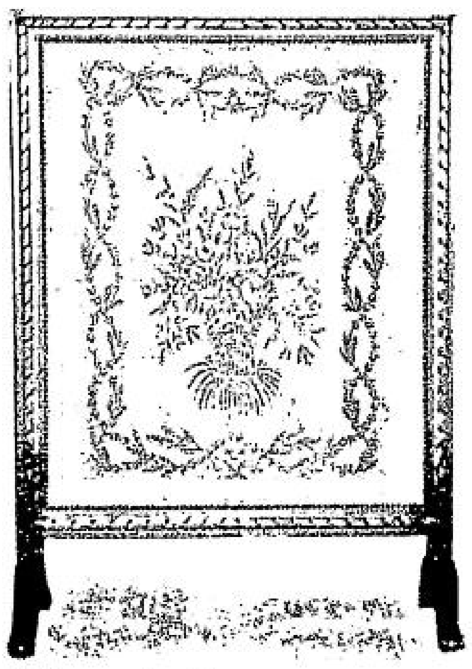

FIRE screen from France

Newly married couples usually purchase a table with a pair of chairs and a sofa set. "They prefer utilitarian objects that are not currently made and have decorative values," says De Asis, who has antique jewelry and paintings of Juan Luna and Hidalgo in her personal collection.

Having learned art restoration from craftsmen in China, De Asis can distinguish the genuine antique from imitations, which can either be reproductions or fakes. "With just one look at the furniture or object I can distinguish the real from fake ones."

At Jo-Liza Antique Shop's exhibit-sale, whoever walks away with the prize starting next week can almost certainly rest assured that he's buying something that is as much a financial investment as artistic masterpiece.

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PAST winners of The Outstanding Women in National Service (TOWNS) during the launch of the 2001 awards (from left): Elsa Payumo, Corazon de la Paz, Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin, Sen. Loren Legarda, Justice Flerida Ruth Romero, Teresita Deles, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman and Zorayda Amelia Alonzo.

Manila mayor shames Cecile Licad

(From page D1)

Later, Tariman got a call from **Ofelia Co**, also of the cultural affairs bureau, saying that Mayor **Lito Atienza** had changed his mind and was withdrawing the award in favor of another candidate, **Ligaya Perez**. By that time, the City Hall had already announced the awardees.

Tariman, who had to SOS the Cultural Center for extra Licad materials, lost his cool and told Co on the phone, "To tell you the truth, Ms Co, Cecile Licad doesn't need this award to confirm her world-class stature."

And all that Co could lamely tell Tariman was that, "*Puwede pa naman ho siya* next year."

As of press time, the City Hall has not written the Licads any explanation for the sudden withdrawal of the award.

Save Mehan

CULTURAL and environmental groups are gathering one million signatures to protest a plan by Atienza (yes, him again) to construct the City College of Manila in Mehan Gardens, an historical and archaeological site near City Hall.

The drive will culminate in another "Picnic at the Park" today, Araw ng Maynila, at the Agrifina Circle Orchidarium, Rizal Park (Luneta), 3-5 p.m.

"We welcome the City College of Manila but at a more appropriate place, and not by destroying Mehan Gardens, which is a source of oxygen. As it is, we already have an oxygen shortage in Manila," **Odette Alcantara** of Mother Earth Inc., a spokesperson of the various groups, said.

We wish them luck. In view of Atienza's cavalier attitude toward arts and culture—remember Jai-alai, consider Cecile Licad—the writing on the wall for Mehan Gardens is very stark, indeed.

Brains and achievement

ALL awardees present at the recent press conference launching the search for The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) were called for a group photo before **Leticia R. Shahani**, a first-batch winner, could leave for her next appointment. **Edwina Koch Arroyo** made the suggestion that Shahani put on some lipstick. Arroyo is, after all, a 1977 awardee for visual communication. In the impressive crowd of **Boots Anson-Roa**, **Karina A. Bolasco**, **Lorna Patajo-Kapunan**, **Tessie Ang-See** and **Nina Lim-Yuson**, no one carried a lipstick in her purse. To the rescue came another 1977 awardee, **Elsa V. Payumo**. A slight dab on Shahani's lips and they were ready. **Celeste Legaspi**, **Rina Jimenez-David**, **Bing Carrion Buck** and **Mona Valisno** made it just in time to the group pose for posterity.

These women who forget about gloss and go for brains, achievement and fellowship—the stuff that never go out of style—are looking for other women who are like themselves. Nominations for TOWNS awards, which are held every three years, are being accepted until July 5. A nominee must be a Filipino citizen between 21-45 years old who has contributed to the betterment of the community or the nation. Call **Ada Mabbayad** at 637-4261/62 for nomination forms and other information.

The gall of this gallery

MANY who rushed to a gallery on Nakpil Street in Malate for the opening of **Hermes Alegre**'s latest show were disappointed—not at the painting, but at the reception. The cocktail buffet had been laid out early, but it was only for show. Guests who had to bear the severe evening heat and humidity could not even be treated to welcome cocktail drinks. The gallery owner had instructed the waiters to hold the buffet and drinks until the ribbon-cutting. Many guests were turned away, even the artist himself who could only scratch his head at the poor treatment.

Alegre remembered that the gallery owner had summoned all the charm that she could muster to get him to agree to the show. A member of the Blumentritt artists group, the hot-selling young artist holds his shows only at Ad Infinitum, which represents him. But he agreed to the Malate show out of good faith. Alas, he found out he would be treated as a non-entity in his own show.

Many of the guests wondered why the gallery owner was scrimping. The show was well sponsored by the Alliance Française as part of the "French Spring in Manila" festival, Tahanan Books (which published children's books handsomely illustrated by Alegre and which foot the bill for the show's beautiful brochure) and Raj restaurant.

And it was not as if the gallery was losing money. The Ad Infinitum people were surprised that the gallery had jacked up the prices of the paintings.

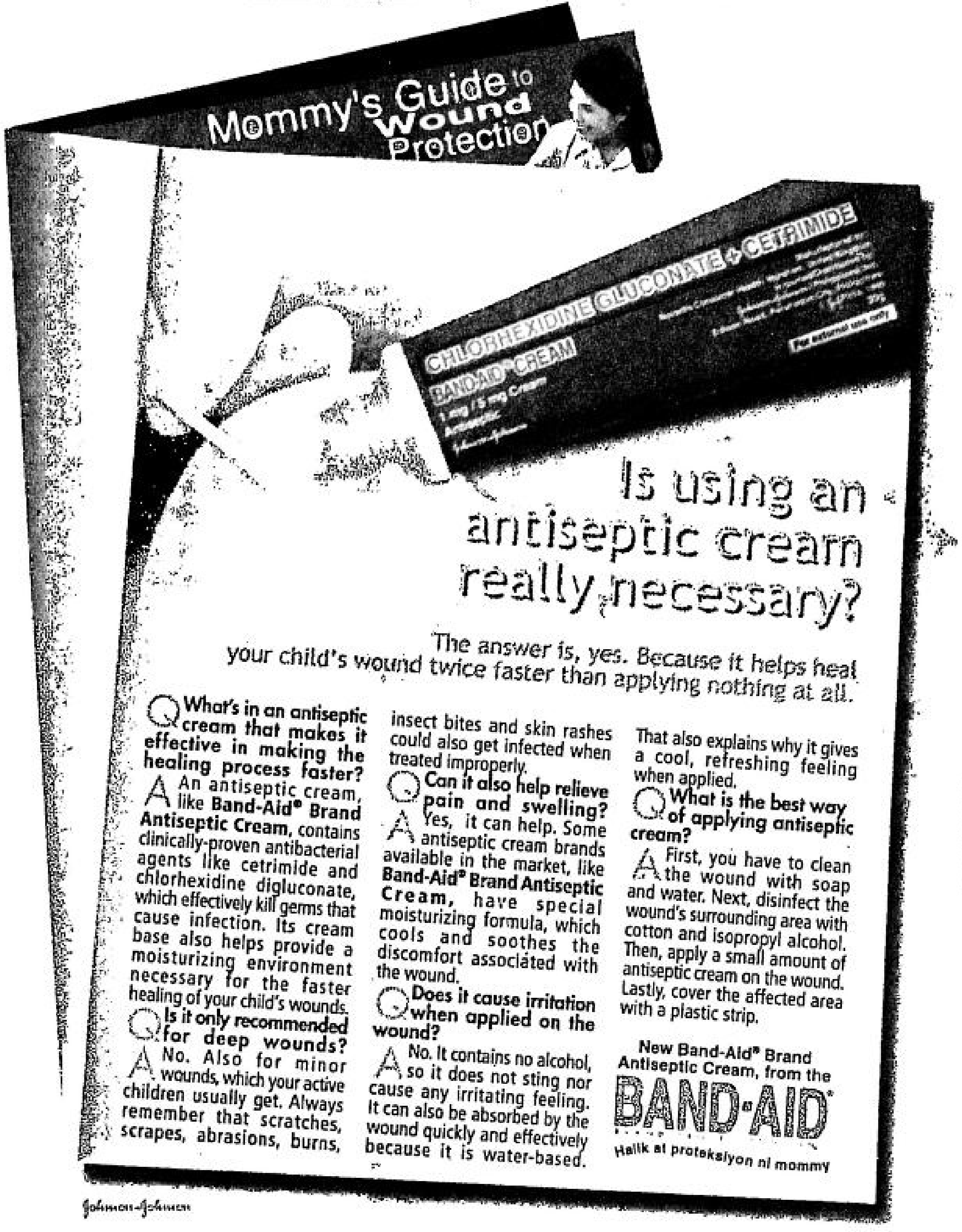
Dinner with robbers

PEACE and order in Quezon City continues to be in a sorry state. Four robbers recently held up a restaurant on Banawe Street, which is famous for its affordable and sumptuous Chinese dishes. According to reports, the hold-up men came in barong tagalog and pretended to be customers.

After eating, however, the quartet poked their guns at restaurant patrons. They took their money, cell phones, jewelry and other valuables. They also took the money from the cash register.

An elderly couple told the INQUIRER the guys were so decent-looking you wouldn't think they were criminals. They said even their house keys and senior-citizen passes were taken by the men.

Chinese restaurants are reportedly the target of hold-up men these days because of their rich customers.



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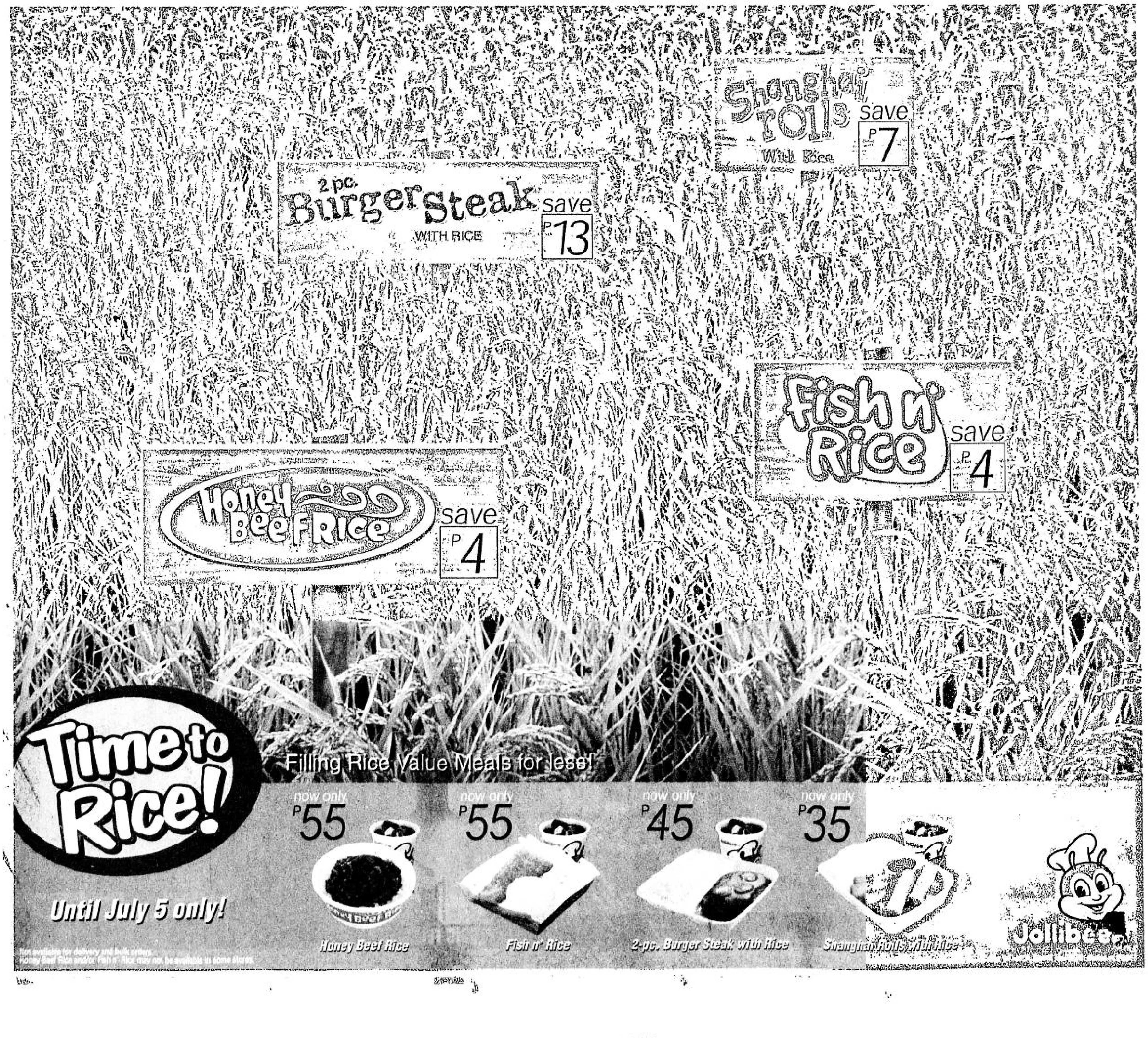

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HARRIET and Ralph Balila

BALILA-DY

From covering the catwalk to walking down the aisle

By Jerome B. Gomez

Fashion editor Harriet Dy planned her wedding in between setting wedding pictorials. She lived her own wildest wedding fantasies

AT THE HEIGHT of rushing a bridal magazine to the press to meet its launch party date, Harriet Ann Dy, Metro's fashion editor and Metro Veil's associate editor, was also preparing for her very own wedding. As her editor Thelma San Juan said, she was not just putting together a bridal magazine, "she was living it."

In the couple of months before the big month—May that is—Harriet had never worked so hard. And she was always the girl who seemed in a perpetual rush, always off to somewhere, always doing something, since we were at the Manila Chronicle where we both got our first major-league writing gigs. Since we found ourselves working in the same office again, at ABS-CBN Publishing, I became witness to Harriet choosing the perfect jewelry photograph for an accessories spread while she made phone calls to the wedding coordinator, her friend Jennifer Sy. While she was overseeing the layout at the editorial room, she was also reminding her entourage to make sure they called Loretto and made an appointment for their fittings. While in the driver's seat on the way to a fitting, I would listen to her squeeze in a discussion on a particular dress for a fashion spread with a stylist, while trying to smoothen little wedding day details with her fiancé Ralph Balila—who was calling from Toronto where he's a technical analyst for the software firm Oracle.

Hands-on Harriet

She wanted to be hands-on in everything, even if she had a wedding coordinator. Even if

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VILLANUEVA-MARTIREZ

Engineer **Fernando Magpayo Villanueva Jr.** and engineer **Maria Regina Aquino Martirez** will wed today at the San Sebastian Basilica, Plaza del Carmen, Manila. The groom is the son of **Fernando Sr.** and **Ester Magpayo Villanueva** while the bride is the daughter of **Leopoldo** and Dr. **Guia Aquino-Martirez.** Reception will follow at The Teatrillo, Plaza San Luis, Intramuros, Manila. **Zonie Fang** designed the bridal gown and those of the entourage.

CAPARAS-MERCADO

Corazon A. Mercado, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Jerry Mercado** of Sariaya, Quezon and Pagsanjan, Laguna, and **Rodel C. Caparas,** son of Mr. and Ms **Carlos Caparas** of Hagonoy, Bulacan, exchanged marital vows on June 21 at the San Sebastian Basilica, Plaza del Carmen, Manila. Reception followed at the China Pearl, Quezon Avenue, QC.

VILLAS-YAMZON

Howell Villas, son of **Mirardo** and **Rosario Villas,** will exchange vows with **Gemaline Yamzon,** daughter of **Alfonso** and **Zenaida Yamzon,** tomorrow at the Mt. Carmel Church in Quezon City.

GARCIA-PEREJA

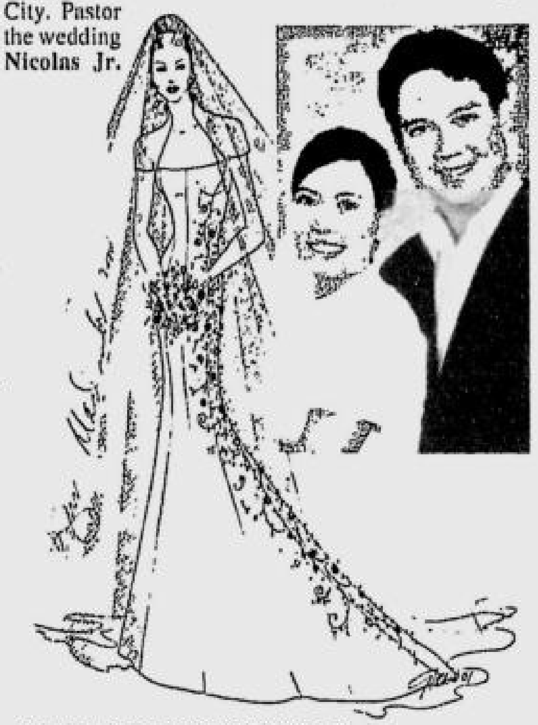
Noel A. Garcia and **Ma. Lourdes M. Pereja** will be married on July 7 at Our Lady of Remedies Parish Church in Malate, Manila. Reception will follow at Lotus Garden Hotel (formerly Royal Palm).

DE GUZMAN-FERIDO

Ernesto A. de Guzman Jr. and **Nelia P. Ferido** were wed on April 7 in a garden ceremony at Skyline Riverbend Hotel, Marikina City. Pastor **Rodante Veluz** officiated the wedding while Pastor **Francisco Nicolas Jr.** gave the exhortation.

MAGNO-CORPUS

Christian Magno, son of Dr. and Ms **Mauro Magno,** and **Marie Angelica Corpus,** daughter of Lawyer and Ms **Marius Corpus,** will exchange vows on June 30 at the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Church, Forbes Park, Makati City. Reception will follow at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila, Makati City.



ZABALLERO-BERNAL

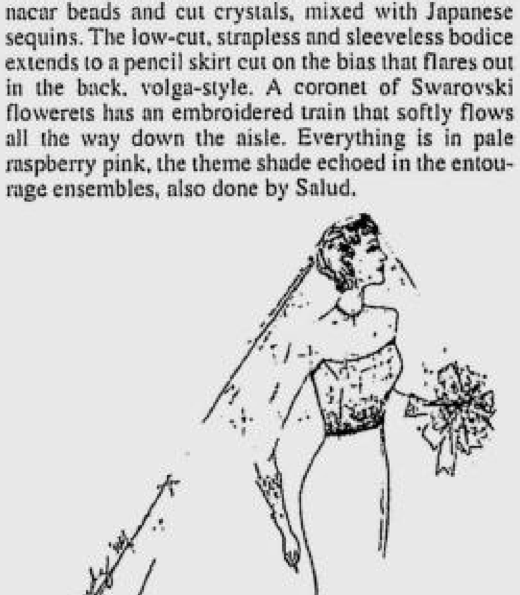
Gold Bernal, daughter of **Mike** and **Lucy Bernal,** will wed architect **David Zaballero,** son of **Adelina** and the late **Mario Zaballero,** on June 30 at St. John Bosco Parish Church in Makati. Dinner reception will follow at the Quezon Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

The bride will wear an **Edgar Madamba** white gown of duchess satin embellished with floral vine-like beadwork that cascades from the bodice to the train.

DIMACUHA-BALMES

Kristine G. Balmes, councilor of Batangas City, will march down the aisle with **Angelito Dondon Dimacuha,** mayor of Batangas City, tomorrow, June 25, at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati. Kristine is the daughter of **Dante Balmes** of Batangas City and Dr. **Yolinda Gonda Balmes** of Bauan, Batangas. Dondon is the son of incoming mayor **Eduardo B. Dimacuha** and **Vilma Abaya,** both of Batangas City. Dondon and Kristine are bowing out of politics to pursue further studies in the United States.

The bride will wear an elegant gown by **Renee Salud,** made of basic satin with swaths of illusion tulle. It is fully embroidered with exquisite pearl and nacar beads and cut crystals, mixed with Japanese sequins. The low-cut, strapless and sleeveless bodice extends to a pencil skirt cut on the bias that flares out in the back, volga-style. A coronet of Swarovski flowerets has an embroidered train that softly flows all the way down the aisle. Everything is in pale raspberry pink, the theme shade echoed in the entourage ensembles, also done by Salud.



BAGAMANO-SANCHEZ

Christian Edward Z. Bagamano will wed **Irma B. Sanchez** on June 30 at the Nayong Pilipino Chapel, Pasay City. Christian is the son of **Rita A. Zaguirre** while Irma is the daughter of **Consuelo B. Sanchez.**

Olive Karagdag of Rolva Vinca Boutique designed Irma's gown. The gown is made of shantung silk, adorned with glass beads and Swarovski crystals along the waistline and neckline. The hemline is likewise scalloped with the same crystals. Her tiara is made of rhinestones. A full-length veil completes the ensemble.

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RALPH and Harriet with officiating priest Fr. Ernie Cruz, SDB

From covering the catwalk to walking down the aisle

(From page E1)

she had told me she just wanted it elegant, intimate, simple. Of course, the major details had been decided on months ago. It would be at the San Sebastian Church on the auspicious day of May 13, which was also Mother's Day. Auggie Cordero would do the gown. Loretto would take care of the entourage. Tony Rodriguez would be the floral stylist. Penk and Shen of Pastry Bin offered to do the cake, gratis. Patrick would do the makeup. The *barongs* for Ralph and the entourage Harriet took care of herself—she went to Divisoria and bought yards of *piña* fabric and took them to Kingsman Tailors.

From the start, the couple maintained that guests would be comprised only of family and dear friends. And Ernie (Lopez, the publisher) would be *ninong*, and Thelma (also Harriet's mentor and our GM at ABS-CBN Publishing) would be *ninang*. Weeks before the wedding, in keeping with Chinese tradition, the bride and groom-to-be visited their principal sponsors to deliver goodies—egg noodles, candies and pig's feet, a Chinese delicacy. Harriet even brought Thelma the fabric that the latter then sent to Auggie to make.

Then there were the showers—three in all. The first was hosted by "Mother" Ricky (Reyes) in his Valle Verde home. Shower 2 was an intimate lingerie-themed party with her high school friends. The last one was with the Metro gang at Adonis. It was, needless to say, Harriet's first time in such a place.

Two weeks before the wedding, the invitations came. It was in China red—but in matte. It had the Chinese Double Happiness characters inscribed in gold. Traditional Chinois meet modern minimalism, as Harriet would probably write. It was beautiful.

And then May 13. The day. The Dys' family friend, Fr. Ernie Cruz, officiated, and the San Beda High School Glee Club sang. I didn't make it to the church. Freida (Dario, Metro's associate ed), one of the principal sponsors, gave a recap. "It was a tearjerker," she said. "I was in line, *di ba?* We were waiting for the march to begin. When I looked behind, she was holding on to her dad. And then she started crying." It was the first wedding in Harriet's family, the last in Ralph's.

Happy Harriet

Seeing Harriet at the reception at the Century Park Seafood Restaurant, which was filled with the couple's friends and family, some of whom had flown in from Hong Kong, Toronto, Zurich and Singapore just for the event, I knew everything was going right. The flower girls in sunny yellow wore the wreaths by Tony as a crown, the bride's mom walked resplendently in Auggie's cream, beaded long dress with a bolero, and Harriet married the guy who proposed to her in a restaurant overlooking the St. Lawrence River after a long drive from Ottawa to Old Montreal. Indeed everything went right.

And she had never looked so happy. And so beautiful. She would tell me later she was so calm that her face did not turn oily from makeup time to the post-reception tea ceremony. Thanks to Patrick Rosas, too, of course.

The gown Auggie made was divine. It was in duchesse satin with a chiffon overlay on top. It

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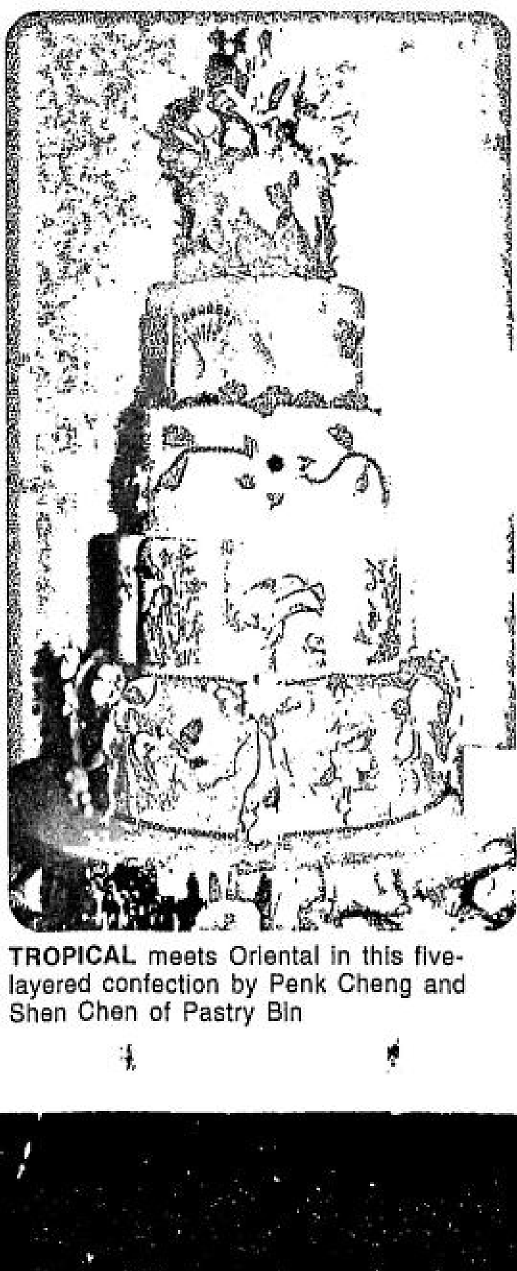

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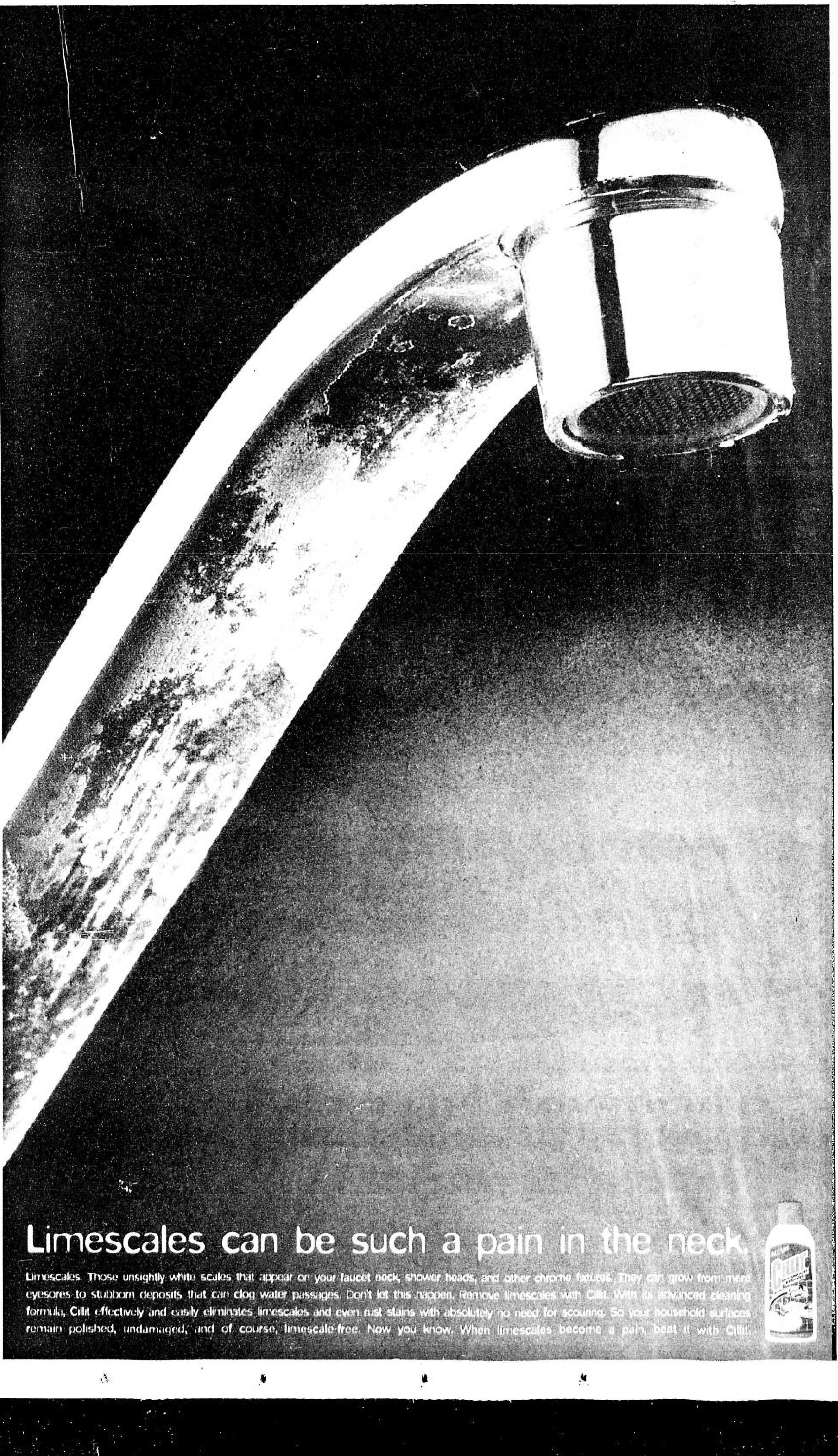

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Joe Landy reflects on Jesus' works in his new book

MUSTARD SEED

Joseph Galdon, S.J.

THIS column is a review of the book of Jesuit Joseph "Joe" Landy titled "The Shepherd's Voice." His book is a mustard seed, too. Landy's book was published by Tahanan Books in Manila last year.

In the book's introduction, he says: "This is the fruit of a study and my reflections on the Gospel readings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These reflections are an authentic source for what we ought to know about the Gospel and the words and works of Jesus for He is the most important person who ever lived here on earth. 'The Shepherd's Voice' is the voice of Jesus. It is also a sermon in my belief and it will certainly make us holy." That's a nice quote and Landy is a good shepherd, too.

Preaching the word of God is one of the greatest gifts given to man. Through preaching, God has chosen to reveal Himself to us and lead men and women to holiness. The art of preaching is called Homiletics, which is derived from the Greek word *homilia*, which means "speaking of God to men and women."

Gospel authors

Landy has more than 100 homilies on Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. All of them are very good but there are several good thoughts from Matthew. Landy tells us about the very good relationship of Joseph to Mary in Matthew's gospel and the conception, birth and teaching of Jesus. Landy's nice sermon emphasizes that Jesus called his followers the "salt of the earth." Landy also tells us that we should give money out of love and forgive all brothers and sisters in our heart because the word of God reveals His love for us.

That is very true. All Landy's thoughts on Matthew are very good for us!

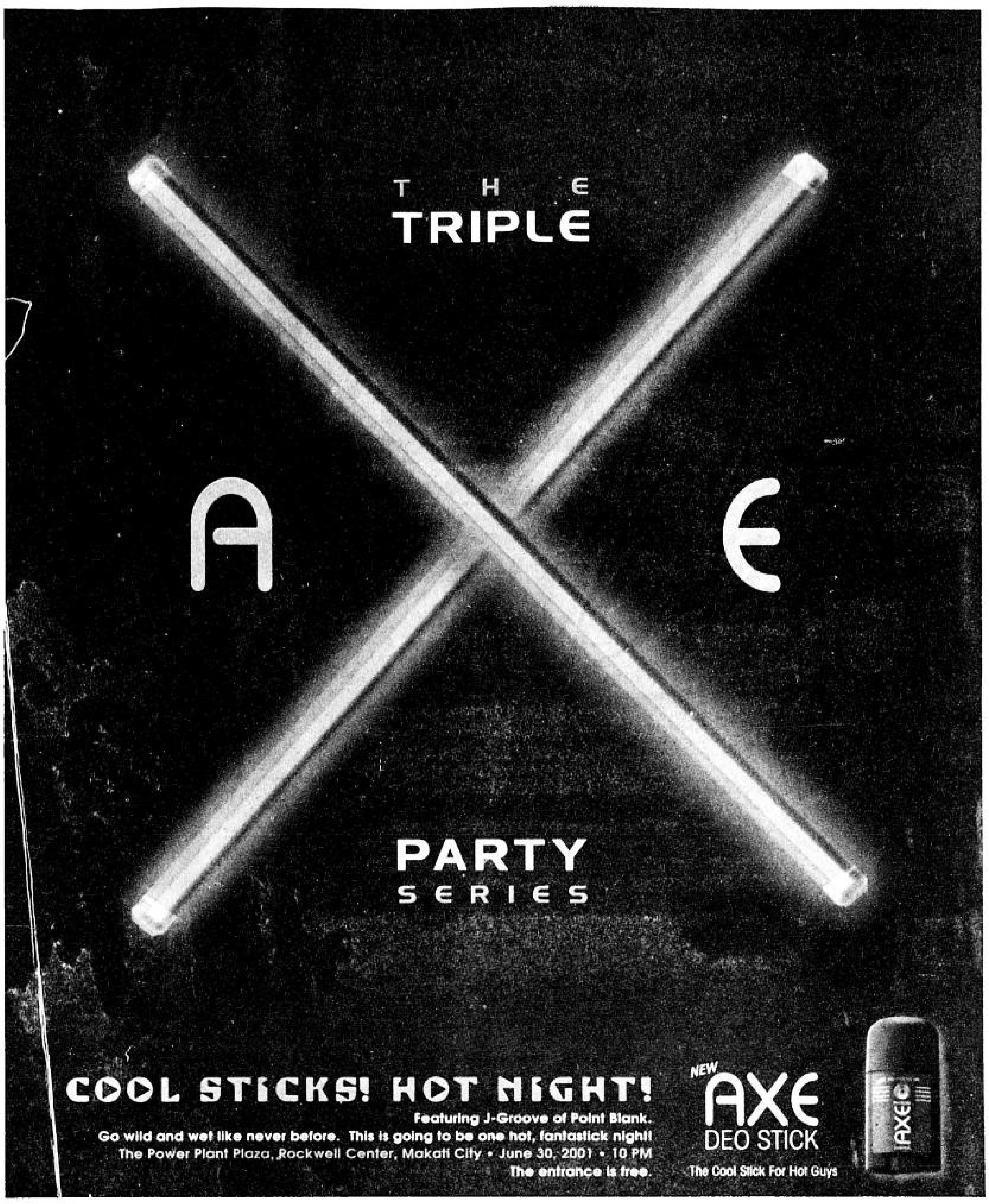
In Landy's book, there is also a very good sermon on Mark's gospel. Mark teaches us that we must get a fresh start in our lives. We must learn from the experience of Jesus in the desert, keep the Lord's day holy, practice the Mustard Seed, say the Our Father that Jesus taught us and listen to the good Shepherd. Landy has many good comments on the gospel of St. Mark that can help us to be holy.

The comments on Luke's gospel are also very interesting. Landy comments about Luke's report on Mary and Jesus: the birth of Jesus, their trip to Egypt, the finding of Jesus in the temple and the public ministry of Jesus with the approval of Mary and Joseph. Landy also says that Luke's gospel is known as "the great discourse."

The last is the gospel of St. John, who is very theological. As you know, he wrote his gospel after he had spent several years with Mary. He has some wonderful thoughts on Jesus courtesy of Mary. St. John's account of the Last Supper is very good. Jesus gave the apostles His own flesh and blood in the form of bread and wine. He also gives it to us during Mass. We are all holy if we eat Jesus' body and drink his blood. Jesus is truly our Shepherd. Landy also emphasizes shalom in John's gospel. Shalom is peace! Peace is holiness and God's blessing to us. We also have that gift of shalom and peace in the Mass.

Conclusion

Landy's "The Shepherd's Voice" is a very good example of preaching but it also helps us to understand the teaching of Jesus and God and the Holy Spirit. Landy's book is a very good manifestation of his role as a shepherd. But it is also a good explanation of Jesus as our good Shepherd. The lesson we have learned is "Day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray every day—to know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly in our lives."



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PITOY MORENO

Shown in Japan

PITOY Moreno lived up to being Asia's fashion czar at his recent Tokyo shows. Featuring an evolution of the Philippine national costume and its modern interpretations, the show was meant to celebrate Philippine Independence Day and Philippine-Japanese diplomatic relations. It was held at the grand ballroom of the American Club.

There were actually two shows—one for the gala night, with special guests from the imperial house and business executives and their wives and the other for Moreno's outreach program oriented toward Filipino overseas workers, their families and friends.

BADETTE Vinalon in a Japanese-inspired wedding gown in rising sun yellow with two soft panels of *kabuki* design in gold and silver beads. A loop headpiece holds her veil.

BRIDE BY THE BRIDGE AT THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY GARDEN. Bing Bing wears a hand-embroidered *piña* gown of fan design. The gown has satin box pleats. The twin satin edge is accented with cascading roses.

IMPERIAL. Model Lorena in front of the Imperial Garden in her black gown with a beautiful hand-painted heron over the skirt. The black velvet bustier has a matching shawl.

From covering the catwalk to walking down the aisle

WITH THEIR parents, Wiltan and Gloria Dy and Loreta and Ruben Balila

(From page E4)

had bell sleeves, which was beaded at the cuff. Very minimal ornamentation. The French Chantilly lace veil continued to the wisps of Chantilly lace cutouts on the chiffon, inspired by Cate Blanchett's Galliano gown for the 2000 Oscars. She held a bouquet of bright yellow tulips.

Tony Rodriguez's flowers were on every table, all in summer colors—hydrangeas, roses, yellow bells, with green apples as accent. The female entourage, which included the bride's sisters, were lovely in Loretto's gowns in turquoise (secondary sponsors), lime (maid of honor), apricot (bridesmaids), all made of a fabric that looked like soft leather. The cake was a mix of spring colors and Oriental details like bamboo Chinese calligraphy. On top of it, flowers by Tony and a Lladro figurine, which is a gift from the bride's mom.

After all the speeches (some of them in pure Mandarin), the most heartwarming of which was from the bride's mother who was escorted by Harriet's ever-dignified dad, after the sumptuous 12-course lauriat, after host Tim Yap's hilarious spiels, after the groom sang the APO's "When I Met You" (the whole thing!) a capella, after Harriet cried five times in a matter of three hours, we finally got to embrace. "I'm so happy for you," I told her. "I know," she said, hugging back, "I know."

Days after, back at work, after her Phuket honeymoon, she told me, "I just felt *soh-brang* blessed (that wedding day)." The fashion editor has found her glow. And it looks like it's going to be with her for a long time.

WITH THEIR entourage

WITH THEIR secondary sponsors Freida Dario, Olive del Rosario-Medina, Rhea Yap, Chung Wai Chan, John Lee and Marc Theoret

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She feels miserable with her failed relationships

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

Just call me Bea. I'm a fourth year nursing student from a prestigious medical institute. I sent you a letter because I want to express my loneliness.

I'm the youngest in a brood of six. My mom passed away a few months ago. And my dad is looking for a new wife. My sisters are happily settled with their own families. On every family reunion, my family expects to see me with "someone special." But they've always been disappointed because until now there hasn't been anyone.

I fell in love with my childhood sweetheart when I was 16 and he was a year older. We were the best of friends. He was teacher's enemy #1 while I was the topnotcher from elementary to high school. My family and relatives didn't like him at first but I was able to finally convince them to accept him.

Then I found out that he and my best friend had an affair. I was devastated. For months, I cried each day. My grades went down. And out of rebellion, I gave my virginity to someone I barely know. I learned to smoke and drink alcohol. I slept with other guys.

Though it wasn't easy, I picked up the pieces of my life with the help of my family. I regained the friendship of old and true friends who never condemned me for what I did. I confined myself to my books and guitar, where I found peace of mind.

Right now, I'm living in a dorm and trying to have a life again. But sometimes, I find myself still pondering on the question: Am I not good enough? I don't really understand why I feel this way. People say I should not be lonely because I'm very intelligent, smart, beautiful and has a good sense of humor.

Every time I try to get into a relationship, it always fails. I'm so tired of waiting for that "someone" who'll wipe my tears away. What if that "someone" doesn't exist? What if that "someone" comes along at a time when my heart is already exhausted? Does it always have to happen at the wrong time and place? Or is something wrong with me?

BEA

Bea, being miserable in love doesn't always mean that there is something not right about you. The worst can happen even to the best of people whose only mistake was loving too much and leaving nothing to themselves. It is only in a relationship when two halves don't make a whole, only two wholes make one perfect body.

Being inspired when love runs smoothly can be the best high one can ever get in a relationship. But, depending too much on someone for our completeness will take a serious toll on us when that person decides to leave. Most of the time, we become like little helpless children, longing for direction and guidance.

It is all right to feel complete when we are with someone. But when that person goes, we should not feel worthless because we are still who we are. Nothing has changed, except for the fact the we're all by ourselves. Yes, we may be alone and lonely but that doesn't mean that we are not worthy of being loved or finding love again.

Bea, I'm glad that you are back on your feet again. Our mistakes can be our greatest teachers. You have learned your lesson well. Now, you have to stop asking why you had to go through all of these. Our trials in life are part of a cleansing process that will make us better and stronger persons. You must have been with the wrong people at most of the wrong times. But there will definitely be a right time for the right person. Let us remember that sometimes, the people who make us smile are the very same people who will make us cry. And our tears can either become a flood that will destroy us or precious water that will bring life to withered emotions.

Listen to the full-length version of this story on Joe D' Mango's "Lovenotes" on Wave 89.1.

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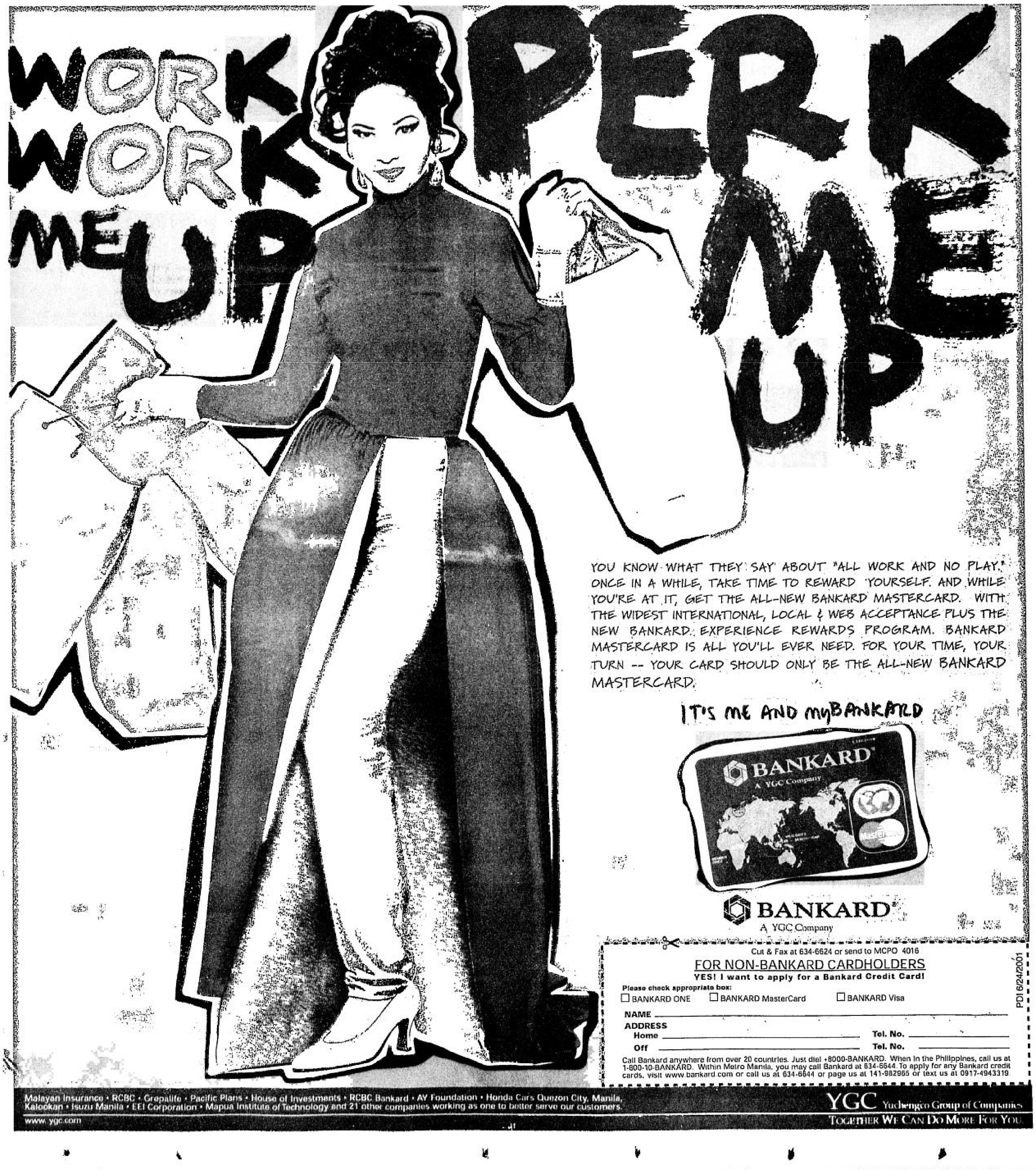

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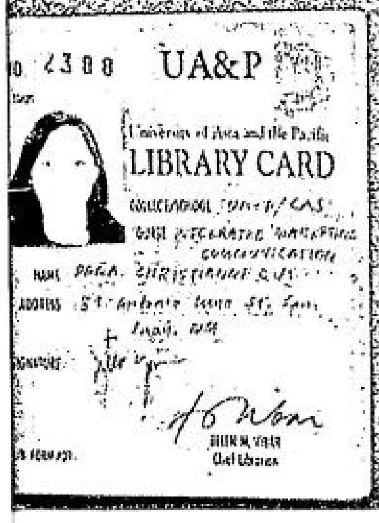

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

NO problem for Mar Roxas to oblige Rosa Inihao with an autograph. Mar and guests Mayor Ernest Wiegel, Marino Fernan and Ricky Poca enjoyed breakfast at No Problem restaurant.

A funny thing happened between the Cebuano's accent and the non-Cebuanos' listening skills: this group of eateries by the coast became known as Shoot to Kill

Cebu's seaside stalls

By Butch J. Pajarillo

BELIEVE me, Rosa Inihao is real. She owns a seafood restaurant at the Mactan Shrine in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu. Her customers will testify that she is real.

This much is also true: her restaurant is called No Problem. It competes in a neighborhood of food stalls that Cebuanos call Shoot to Kill.

Shoot to Kill has nothing to do with intent to murder or with a diner's reaction to a fly doing the breaststroke in his soup. (Hygiene is certified to by local health authorities and Rosa herself is armed with a flyswatter.)

A Cebuano wraps *sinugba*, *tula* and *kilawin* (grilled, soup and raw fish) into the acronym *sutukil*, and somewhere between his accent and our listening skills, the name has evolved into what sounds like Shoot to Kill.

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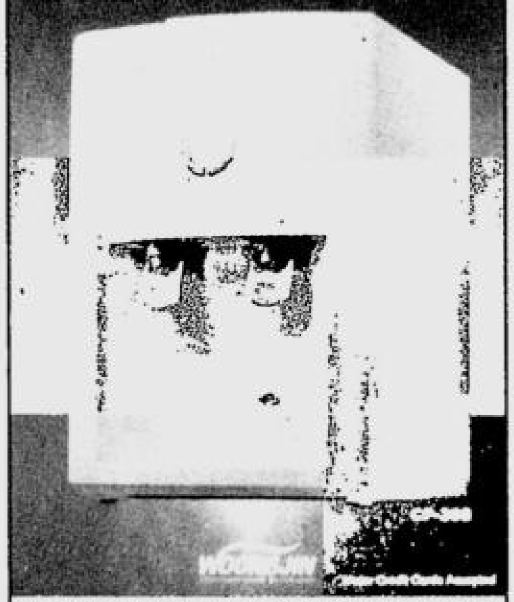

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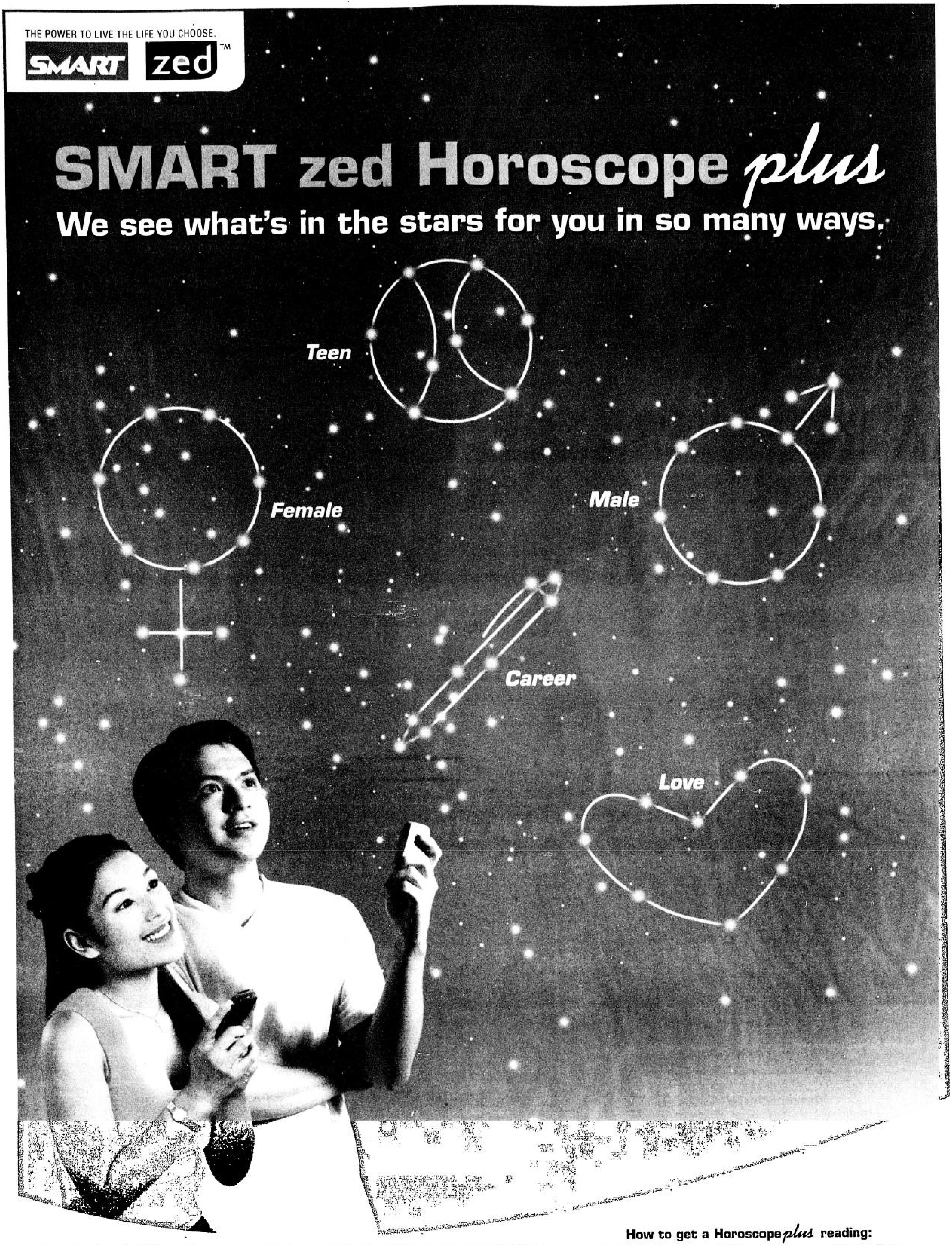
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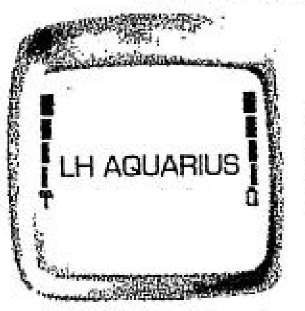
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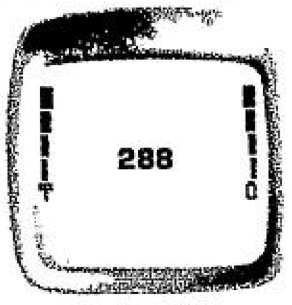

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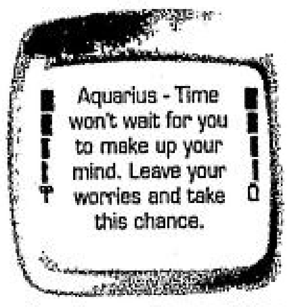
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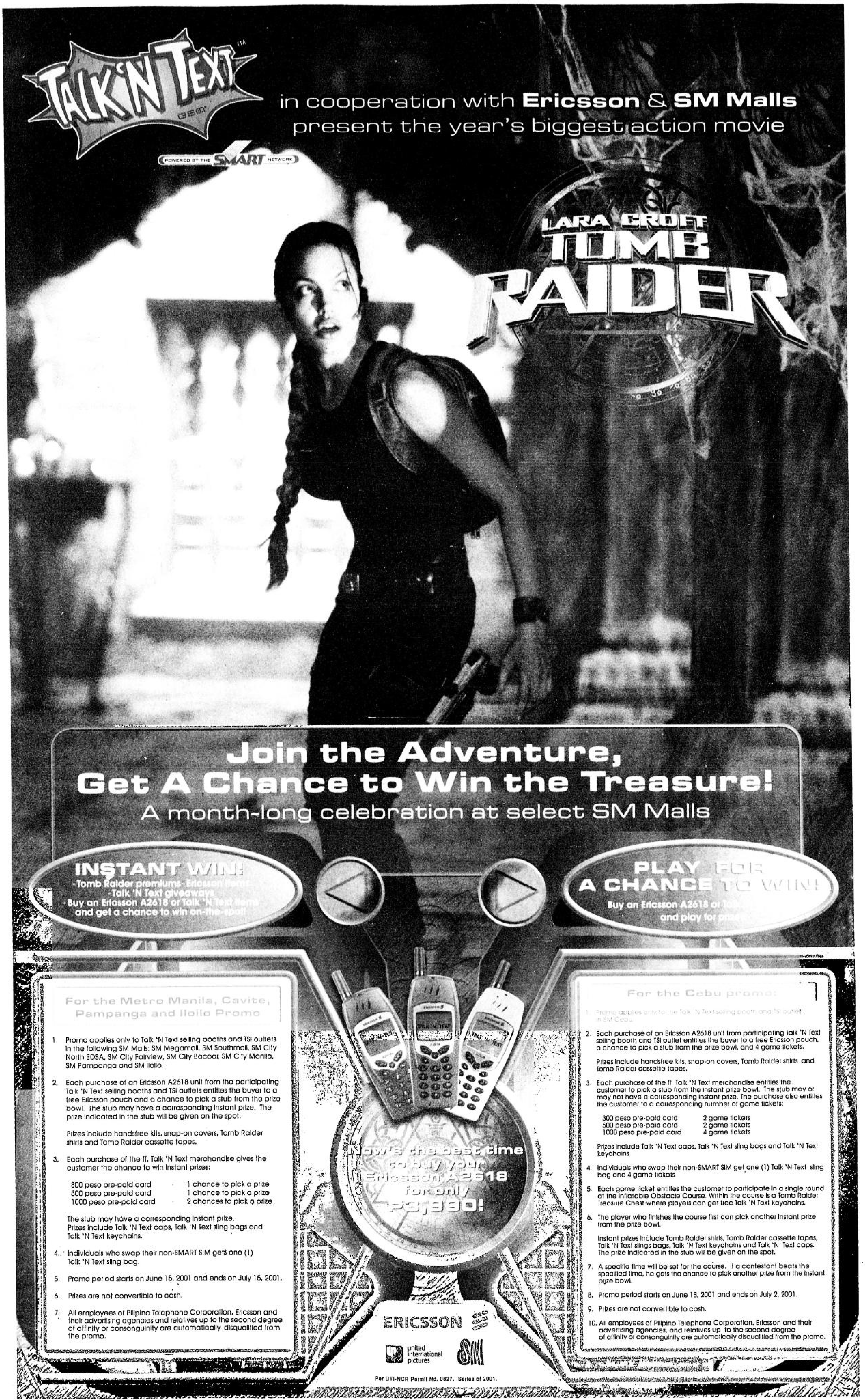

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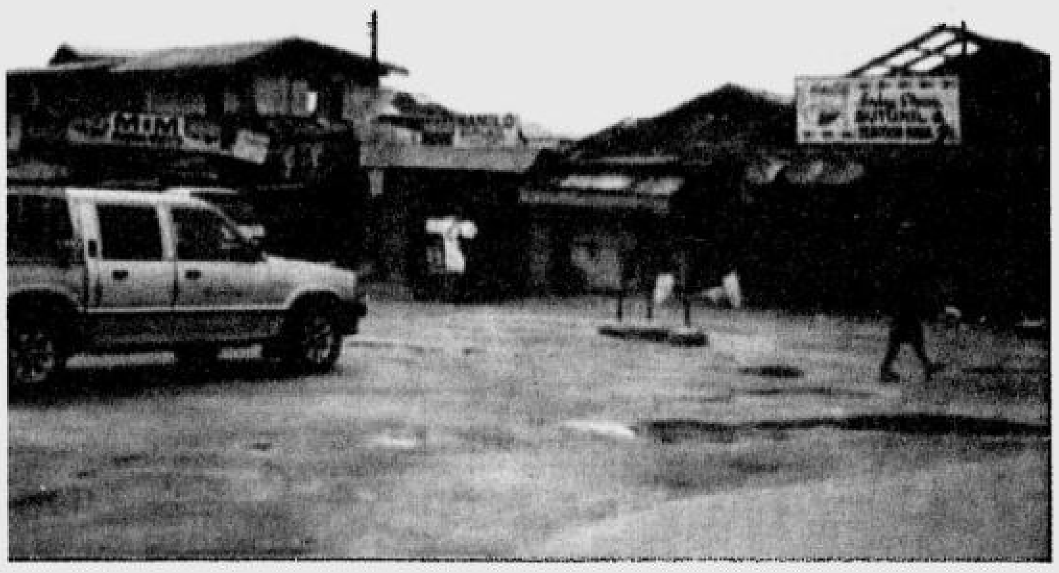

symbolize the country's foreign policy in his time. Had Ferdinand Magellan waded to shore a few centuries later, Shoot to Kill would probably be a more hospitable and far satisfying spot today.

My friends and I arrived under much friendlier terms, via the Mactan Airport on the 7 a.m. flight from Manila, and were met by the very civil city mayor, Ernest Wiegel. He whisked our group off to Shoot to Kill since our business appointment in Cebu City wasn't scheduled until four hours later. The ride to No Problem restaurant took 10 minutes.

We surprised Rosa when we walked into No Problem, a street-level eatery of some 200 sq m with wide windows for a fine view of mangroves, seagulls, blue sky and the sea. Rosa, who is in her early 40s, was wearing a sleeveless shirt and a pair of shorts. Those must be her work clothes when choosing the day's fresh vegetables and fresh fish.

Besides being the owner, she is cashier and manager. The dual roles are a practical matter for an entrepreneur like her with a bank loan of P700,000 with 24 percent interest annually. Close supervision and the cooking skills she learned from her mother, grandmother and friends help her keep up with the payments on interests and principal.

Our early arrival guaranteed us not only fresh food but also the best seats for a view of the sea. We were able to tell time by watching a ship in the horizon sailing from far left to far right.

No Problem stood on the seashore, but the low tide had receded to about a kilometer away. The mangroves showed their dark roots on the wet ground. The smell of the light breeze was strange because it was free of fumes of diesel and gasoline. Seagulls flapped their wings as they flew from one mangrove to another.

We left our culinary fate to the mayor. He asked for *sinugbang kitong*, *tulang mamsa*, *kilawin*, *pinakuluang pasayan* and *adobong pusit*. The choices were endorsed by Mar Roxas, the visiting trade secretary and himself an expert on seafood because he comes from the fishing city of Capiz. Marino Fernan and Ricky Poca, both Cebuanos, liked the choices, too, and appealed for delivery as soon as possible. I nodded my approval as if it mattered. Rosa herself took down the orders, retreated to the kitchen, downloaded the orders and reappeared five minutes later.

The cooking, she said, would take half an hour, more or less. We cringed at the thought of dead time. If we were business consultants paid by the minute and holed out in a conference room, we would brainstorm to solve serious national problems like the Abu Sayyaf, the P145-billion deficit, the high cost of medicine, and electoral posters on walls that could be pasted over with health-related bills like "Bawal ang Umihi Dito." But at No Problem, with its fishing-town ambience, the sense of place overwhelmed us. Our dialogues took easy turns instead.

Life after politics was one.

When his mayoralty term ends this month, Wiegel plans to put up a do-good group (as in NGO) that hopefully will help transform small entrepreneurs into millionaires. For his beneficiaries, Wiegel need not look farther than his nose. Start with Rosa and the others restaurateurs, Roxas suggested, for they are live seafood for loan sharks. Wiegel can work out terms with Roxas' Small Business Guarantee and Financing Corp.

Roxas then gave Rosa his cell phone number. She pledged she would honor him with a call. She also asked for an autograph.

Filling up the time took surprising turns, and the Cebuanos couldn't resist taking mild digs at the Tagalogs. How come the *langgam* in Cebu flies while the *langgam* of Manila only crawls? The dialect of Cebu is more precise than Tagalog or Pilipino—a Cebuano knows *bana* is a husband but the Tagalog does not know if *asawa* refers to the husband or the wife.

Soon, the kitchen wards of Rosa arrived. We attacked the morning offerings like we were piranhas. All that was left of the fish in the sour broth were the spines. We cleared plates of *sinugba*, *tula* and *pasayan*. The *adobong pusit* that swam in its ink was devoured until all our smiles revealed darkened teeth.

Restaurants at Shoot to Kill are not classy places where chefs with HRM degrees wear white toques and aprons. What lures diners to seafood stalls like No Problem?

It must be the sun, the sky and the sea, the mangroves and the low tide, the fresh harvests of fish and vegetables, the conversation and the sense of place. All this adds up to good dining. And yet the bill, which Wiegel paid, was not big enough to make you shoot to kill.

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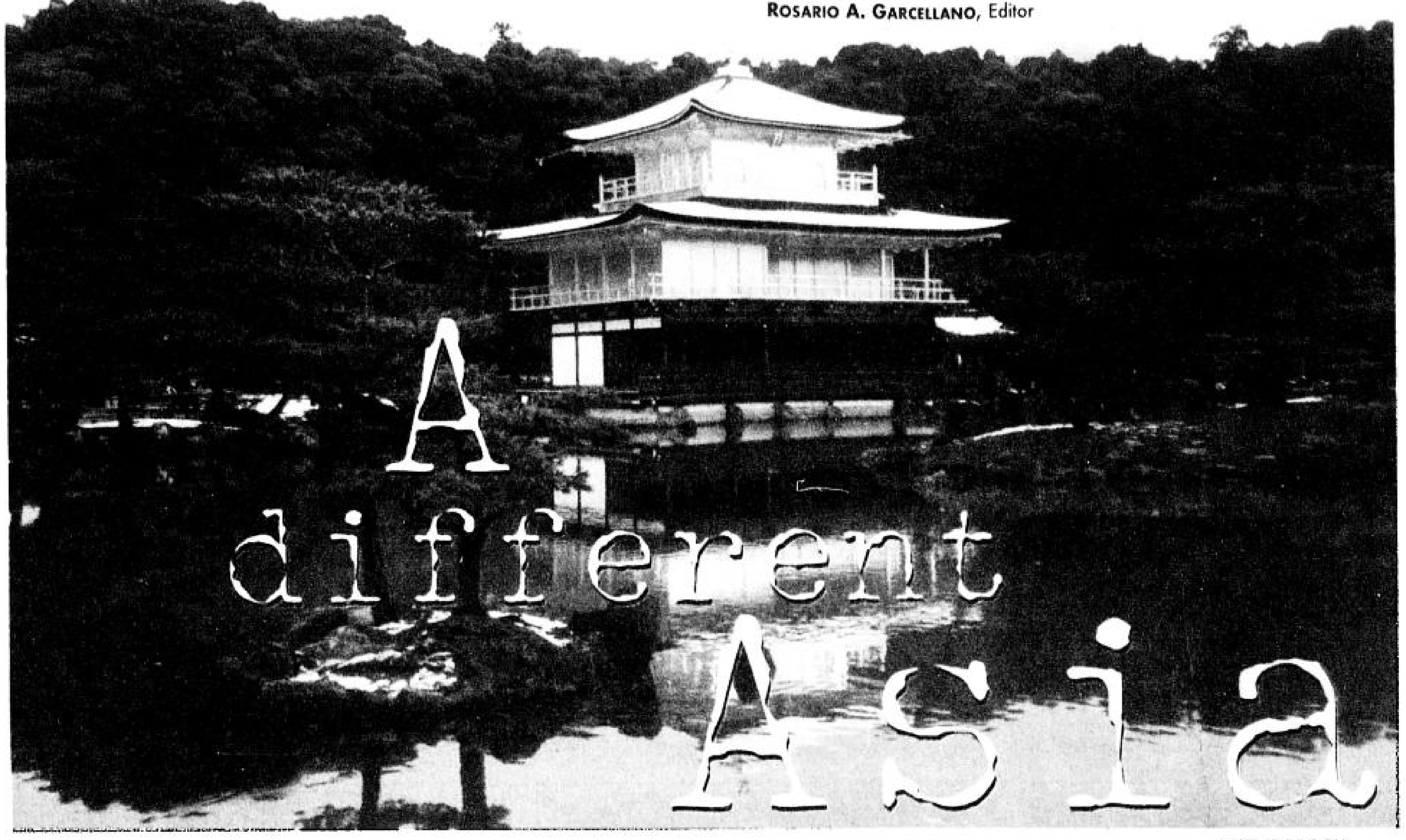


A different Asia

THE GOLDEN Pavilion glowing in the middle of a lake

TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY MARRA PL. LANOT

JAPAN has never been my dream. I grew up hearing horror stories of the Death March. My father also used to tell me how he witnessed Japanese soldiers throwing Filipino babies in the air and catching them with bayonets. Then I remember seeing, as a teenager, a number of low-brow, sex-oriented Japanese flicks at the First Asian Film Festival in Manila.

Moreover, Japan held no attraction for me because of the dreaded Yakuza, the birth of the "Japayuki," the woes of mail-order brides. And the comfort women—the shame, the stigma, the injustice of it all.

I, therefore, couldn't understand why so many people want to go to Japan, and actually like Japan. Fortunately, my curiosity and my wanderlust got the better of me when I, together with my husband, was invited by the Takeshi Kaiko Memorial Asian Writers Lecture Series, in cooperation with the Japan Foundation. It was a two-week lecture tour one February, and I felt lucky and excited.

Our first stop was Osaka. From the airport stretched the long, long bridge connecting the airport isle to Osaka proper. Industrial plants loomed, but the city turned out to be, in spite of its being the supposed nest of the Yakuza, rather provincial and endearing.

This year's first snowfall in Osaka, which happened when we were there, augured for me a beautiful Kyoto in winter. When I learned that we were visiting Kyoto, I immediately asked if we would see it in the snow, just like in postcards. Our interpreter said no, sorry, but it hadn't been snowing in Kyoto.

But when we reached Kyoto, it was snowing and it was all dressed in white. It wasn't too cold, and there was just the right amount of sunlight. The Golden Pavilion, made of gold leaves, glowed in the middle of a small lake.

The Shugakuin Imperial Villa tells of the days of the lords, and of the incredible skill of young painters who could paint real animals from imagination. The mansion was surrounded by so-called nightingale floors, which creaked whenever anyone walked on them to warn the inhabitants of visitors, expected or unwanted.

In the Deer Park, which is beside an old Buddhist temple, in Nara, the deer would follow visitors everywhere, nudging them for biscuits. The odd thing was the deer did not pester the vendors selling biscuits. It looked like the animals were protecting their business partners.

Before leaving Osaka, we spent a night in the house of Rico Tsuda, a Japanese professor, and his wife Yolanda, who, like him, writes, teaches, and travels a lot. It's not an unhappy intermarriage, fortunately. The wooden house up in the mountains, a blend of Japanese and Filipino styles, is cozy.

Next stop was Hiroshima. At the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Park, we offered a wreath of flowers to the dead. The museum was an eerie tomb of memories. There, a sense of collective anger against the American bombing of Hiroshima, which sparked World War II, seemed to beg for mercy, for non-Japanese never to forget the genocide. There, too, is a reminder to the world that a rebuilt Hiroshima cannot erase that darkest part of Japanese history.

Outside the museum, I savored the fresh breeze and smelled the flowers. Our hosts asked us what else we wanted to see in Hiroshima. To their surprise, my husband wondered if he could visit a *manga* (Japanese comic books) library, and I requested to see the zoo. They couldn't squeeze in our requests, for our schedule was too tight.

Obvious was the stark contrast between the museum and the modern city. High-rise malls lined the streets, and oysters, for which Hiroshima is also famous, and *saké* filled restaurants even late at night.

Unlike Osaka, Tokyo is not conducive to shopping, for everything there is expensive. We visited another Filipino-Japanese home, that of Rositá and Masaya Kawashima, in Nerima-ku. It is a typical home of crowded apartments, but with a fine park, a hospital in the vicinity, a mall, and a train station.

Like everywhere else in Japan, the train is reliable, streets are clean, and there is absolutely no tipping. Taxi drivers, bellboys, restaurant attendants, or anyone in the service sector do not expect tips. Taxi meters produce computerized official receipts.

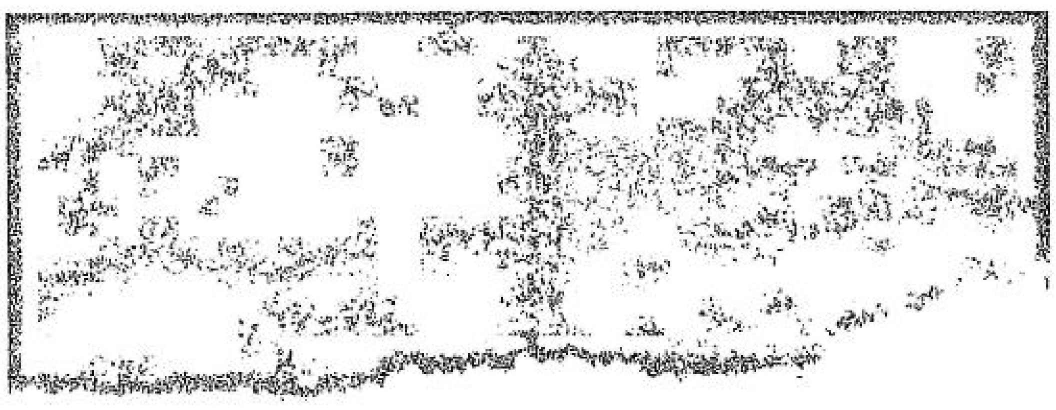
Since Tokyo is a world capital, I expected it to be crime-infested even at daytime. But it was relatively safe to use the subway alone, and to walk along the strip joint. Few people go to church, but an unforgettable Catholic church I visited has a Japanese Madonna in a kimono.

I specifically requested that we visit Mt. Fuji. Our hosts swore it would be a waste of time because it was not the proper season, and Mt. Fuji would be invisible. But I insisted, and sure enough, when we reached Hakone, some two hours by train from Tokyo, Mt. Fuji was a-hiding in the thick winter clouds. We stayed in a restaurant and I was determined to watch the mountain even if it took me hours. Mt. Fuji played peek-a-boo through the dark clouds and snow. But, again, my wish came true, for the famous cone displayed its splendid snow cap, now very white, now in the shadows. Our interpreter said we were very lucky to see the elusive mountain in such weather.

And so, Japan for me means not only machismo, sleek cars and electronics. Japan, after a short but memorable visit, also signifies *animé*, *manga*, discipline, industriousness and sensitive art. It's also made up of old friends like Filipino actor, poet and teacher Joi Barrios, who is an exchange professor there, and who performed a poem of mine to a rapt audience. It's also new friends such as our Japanese interpreters Kayoko, Maki and Kay. It is fine dining, as well as delicious Mos Burger fastfood. It is tradition like Kabuki, which was once denied women, and is rejected today by female actors because of its conservative subject matter.

The people on the streets look generally healthy and slim. (Where do the *sumo* wrestlers come from?) How can a race that produced the bombers of Pearl Harbor and the practitioners of *harakiri* be the very same one that births sensitive and romantic poets and novelists and painters? Were it not for the language and the distinctive eyes, Japan in the snow and its high technology make one think it's a First World country in the West. But no. Japan is still Asia—but a different Asia.

They said it was not the proper season, but the famous mountain obliged with a glimpse of its snow cap



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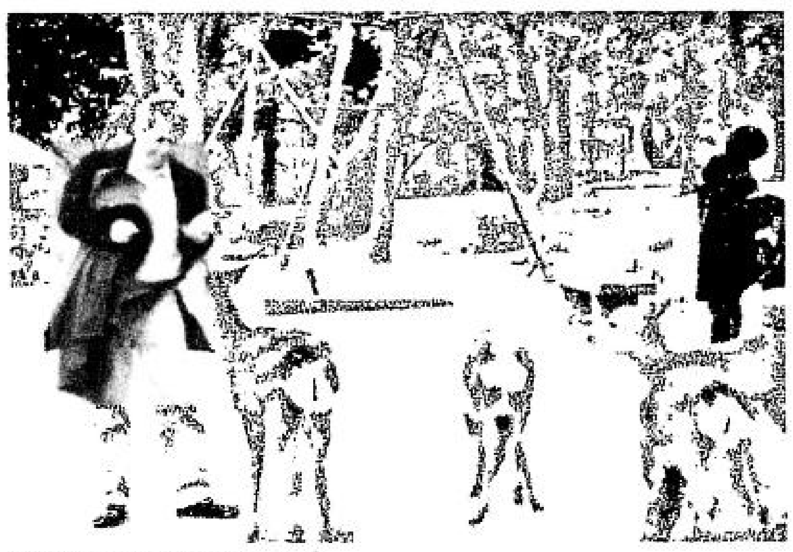
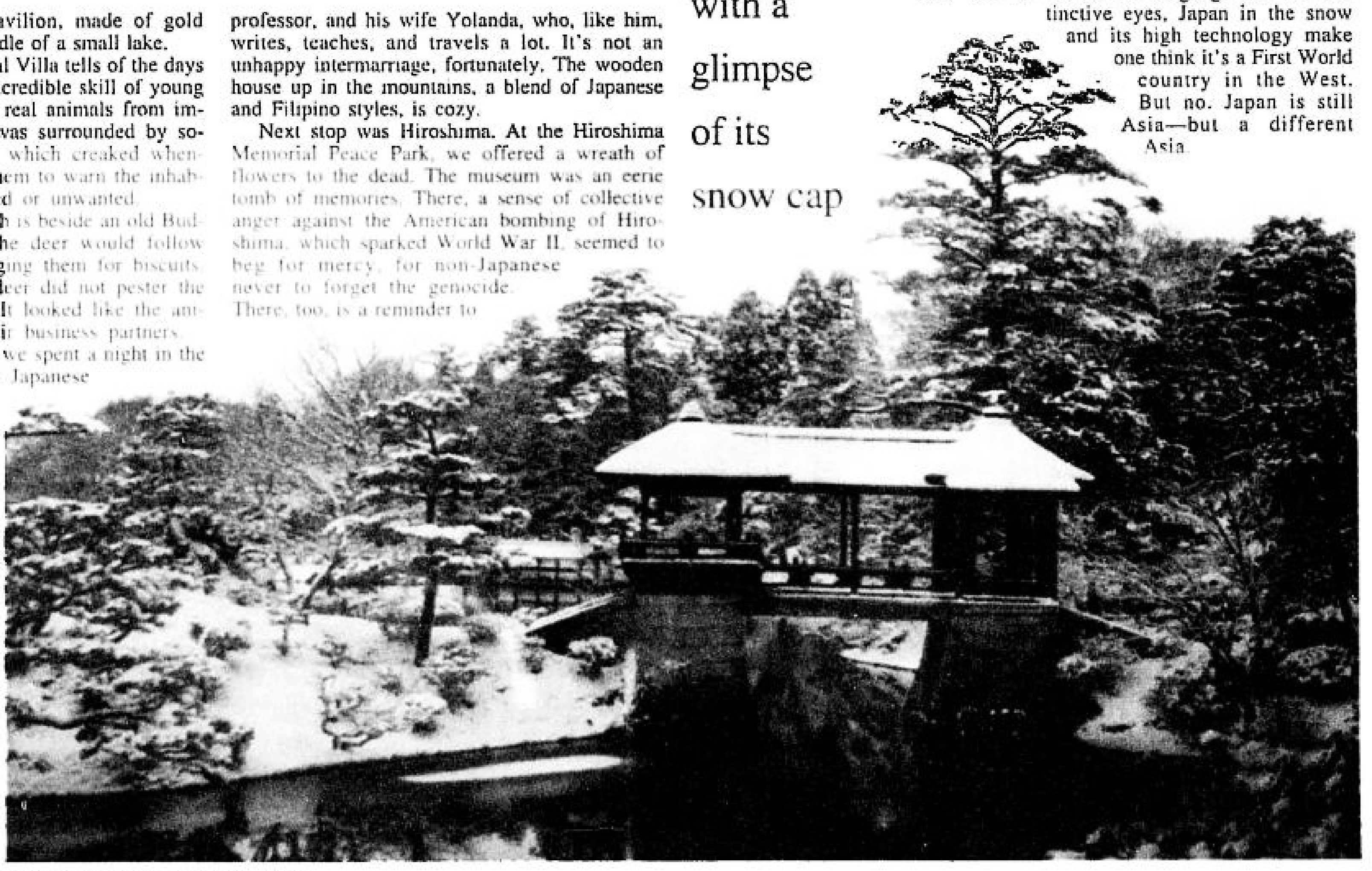


DEER angling for biscuits



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The program involves the environmental development of the Subic Bay area, common marketing and resort development efforts, training and manpower development, purchasing, and bay and mountain activities.

It was firmed up during Subra's 9th anniversary celebration held recently at the White Rock Beach Hotel.

According to Subra president Carmto Baloy, the group hopes to work closely with the tourism associations of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Area, Olongapo City and Zambales in coming up with a common plan and work program for the bay area and the coastline of the province.

The group's program for 2001-2002 includes improvements in tourism information services; beach and sports activities such as jetski competitions and fluvial parades; sharing of plans and suppliers in the upgrade of individual facilities; establishment of common facilities for cleaning up the bay area and for fishing and scuba diving; close cooperation with local governments in efforts to maintain the environment and peace and order.

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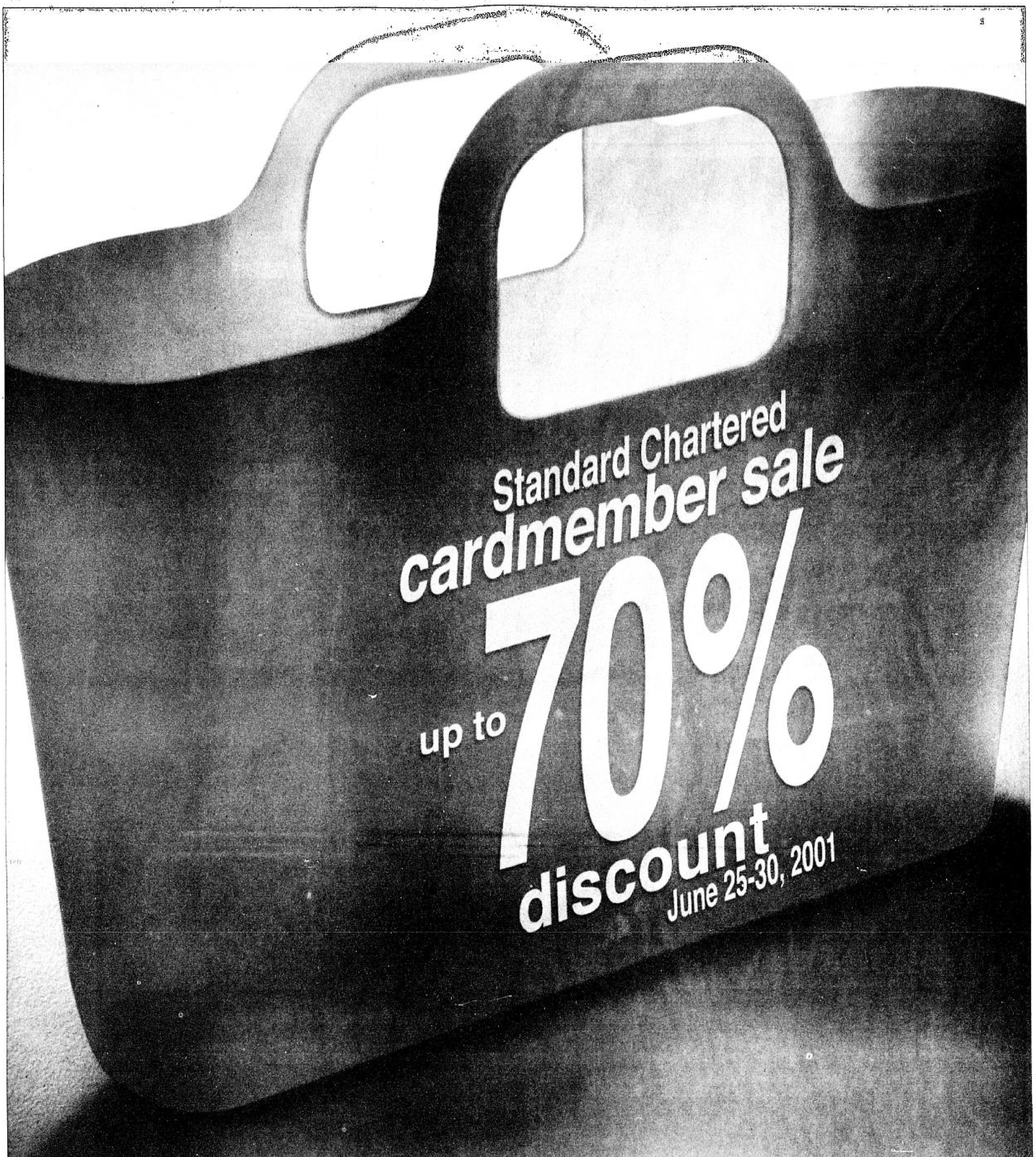

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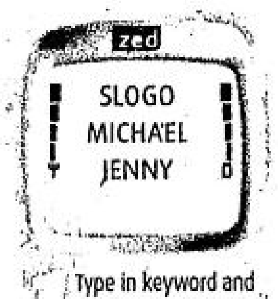

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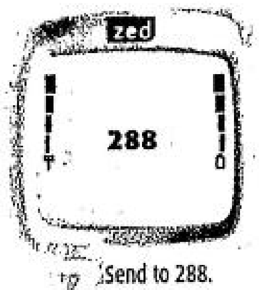

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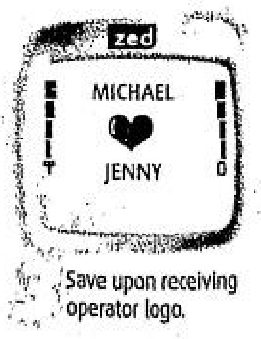

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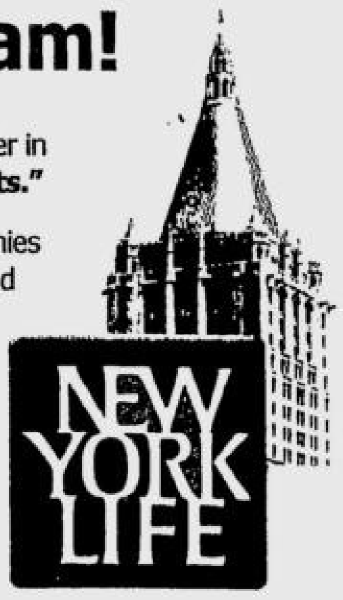

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PLEASE INDICATE POSITION CODE

We need IT Professionals for IBM ThinkPad Notebook PC Development

APTi-Philippines, Inc., an affiliate of **IBM Japan, Ltd.**, is a part of the IBM ThinkPad Notebook PC Development and Quality Assurance Team.

We aim to strengthen our team by recruiting IT Professionals who can **work with IBM engineers in IBM Japan**. We are offering you the opportunity of gaining work experience in a globally competitive environment and an attractive compensation package as well. We are looking for IT Professionals who are graduates of any 4-5 year Computer-related course for the following:

Supervisor

Main Job: To assume the role of a product leader who can control and manage the schedule, resources (incl. people and equipment) and quality of any given project. In addition, he also has the responsibility of providing technical guidance to and managing the activities of the team both in Japan and in the Philippines.

Qualifications:

- 5 years work experience in the IT industry as a software programmer or PC hardware engineer
- at least 3 years project management experience of IT projects (incl. software development)
- Cross-culture work experience most especially with Japanese is an advantage
- Knowledge and experience in various Operating Systems incl. Unix and Linux is an advantage
- Knowledge of Visual Basic, C/C++, XML, Java, Assembly, Lotus Notes Script, Win API Programming or Network Protocol is an advantage

Project Leader

Main Job: To assume the role of a product leader who can control and manage the schedule, resources (incl. people and equipment) and quality of any given project. It also involves technical leadership which requires coping with the latest technology in the computing industry.

Qualifications:

- 3 years work experience in the IT industry as a software programmer or PC hardware engineer
- at least 1 year project management experience of IT projects (incl. software development)
- Knowledge and experience in various Operating Systems incl. Unix and Linux is an advantage
- Knowledge of Visual Basic, C/C++, XML, Java, Assembly, Lotus Notes Script, Win API Programming or Network Protocol is an advantage

Software Programmer

Main Job: To develop software utilities and applications related to the IBM ThinkPad Notebook PC development and operations.

Qualifications:

- 2 years work experience in the IT industry as a software programmer
- Knowledge of Visual Basic and C/C++ is mandatory
- Knowledge and experience in various Operating Systems incl. Unix and Linux is an advantage
- Knowledge of XML, Java, Assembly, Lotus Notes Script, Win API Programming or Network Protocol is an advantage.

Candidates must possess Strong Leadership Skills, Solid Interpersonal Communication Skills, and must be a Team Player. Having a Japanese Language communication skill is an advantage.

We are now hiring for our Alabang Office. Applicants may send their application letter, resume, transcript of records and 2x2 ID picture and supporting credentials to P.O Box 187, Ayala-Alabang Post Office, 1799, Muntinlupa City.

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- Proven skills in business writing and phone handling
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- Willingness to work on a shifting schedule is essential

If you think you possess the qualifications and skills that we are looking for, kindly submit your updated resumé along with your web profiles **on or before, 27 June 2001** to the Human Resources Deptartment, 4F SMPC Building, St. Francis Avenue, Ortigas Center Mandaluyong City 1550. You can also send it via e-mail at hrd@man.ph.sykes.com

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• APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER

Must be a graduate of Computer Science, Computer Engineering or other related courses and should be familiar with the following: Visual Basic, MS SQL, Lotus Notes and Networking. At least one year experience in programming work. Must be matured, responsible, result-oriented, with pleasing and good communication skills.

• IT USER SUPPORT STAFF

Must be a BS ECE or COE graduate and should be familiar with the following: Windows 95/98/NT, Microsoft Office, Web browsers; PC/Networking troubleshooting and maintenance; and knowledge of Lotus Notes is a plus. Applicants must also have excellent communication skills, customer-oriented, patient, can relate well with people of different levels, and can effectively work under extreme pressure and under minimal supervision.

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He/She will assist the Director for his/her duties as related to specific fundraising and institutional/investor-related projects; monitors and reports status of projects; writes project proposals; coordinates and works with project assistants on specific projects as related to support services and external relations; provides administrative and executive staff support to activities; assists in creating appropriate systems for tracking donor participation, accounts, identification and cultivation of prospects; He/She should be a graduate of business course, preferably with masteral degree; with years of experience in writing and in event management; with excellent written and oral English communication skills

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• HR MANAGER

The person must have at least 5 years relevant experience in all aspects of HR such as Recruitment, Compensation and Benefits Administration, Training and Development, Employee Relations and Performance Appraisal in an officer level. He/She should be Behavioral Science or Psychology graduate, masteral degree/units an advantage, with leadership qualities and healthy attitude towards people.

Interested applicants may personally submit their resumé, transcript of records and 2X2 photo before July 3, 2001 to the Office for Human Resource Development,

ASIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, 123 Paseo De Roxas Street, Makati City.
Please indicate the position applied for.

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Master Foods Philippines, Inc.
Ayala Life-FGU Center
19/F #6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
or e-mail: mfpl.jobs@ap.effem.com

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A competitive remuneration package and a truly challenging, international and dynamic work environment awaits the right candidate. Interested parties should send their resume and contact details to any of the following:

Corporate Human Resources
online: career.globalsources.com
email : asmhr@globalsources.com
fax: (632) 892-4087
post: P.O. Box 4597 MCPO, Makati City

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The Job:

- Identification of business opportunities, and Sales and Marketing of Alstom systems, products and services for industrial steam and gas turbine power plants.
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- Participation in relevant local and overseas sales and technical trainings organized by Alstom Power.
- Periodic reporting and progress presentation to Alstom Philippines Sales Director and other sales and marketing staff.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering; supplemental training or post-graduate degree in Economics, Finance or Business Management is an advantage.
- Should be able to demonstrate basic knowledge of power generation technologies, preferably thru experience in plant maintenance, erection or project management.
- Good command of oral and written English, with excellent presentation skills.
- Pleasant personality which can adapt to a multi-culture environment, and willing to travel overseas.

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The Job:

- Technical assessment, and execution of repairs and maintenance services on utility and industrial boilers and auxiliaries, independently or in coordination with overseas Alstom service staff.
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- Participation in relevant local and overseas technical trainings organized by Alstom Power.
- Preparation of service work programs and work completion reports, and regular reporting to Alstom Philippines Technical Director.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Marine or Mechanical Engineering or equivalent, with a minimum 10 years field service, erection and/or commissioning experience in boiler installations.
- Fluent in oral and written English.
- Adaptable and willing to travel or be posted overseas.

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The Job

- Assisting our clients in solving technical issues with plant control systems, independently or in coordination with Alstom lead center in Europe.
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- Technical interface with Alstom Control System technology center in France.
- Provide basic hardware and software service intervention for control systems delivered by Alstom in the country.
- Participate in relevant local and overseas training organized by Alstom.
- Regular preparation of work programs and service reports to Alstom Philippines Technical Director.

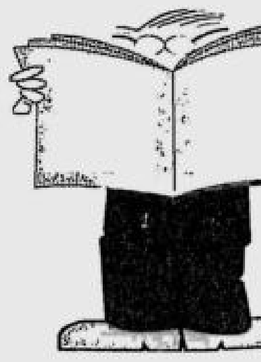
Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Electronics & Communications Engineering or its equivalent.
- Should possess a minimum of 5 years field service erection and commissioning experience for hardware and software in Plant Control Systems.
- Fluent in oral and writen English.
- Adaptable and willing to travel or be posted overseas.

Successful candidates will receive an attractive remuneration package based on qualification and experience. Applicants should submit their resumé with details of academic qualification, work experience, present and expected salary, contact telephone number and e-mail address together with recent passport-sized photographs no later than July 6, 2001.

Please send applications to:

ALSTOM PHILIPPINES, INC.
Unit 9C Equitable Bank Tower
8751 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City
Human Resources Department
Attn: Terry S. Sanchez
E-mail: philippines@power.alstom.com



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- ♦ 30 years or younger
- ♦ A graduate of a Business, Industrial Management, Management Engineering or Marketing course
- ♦ Has at least two (2) years Sales and/or Marketing training and experience
- ♦ Creative and dynamic, and possesses initiative and good independent judgment
- ♦ Pleasant, can immediately establish rapport with a broad base of people
- ♦ Fluent in both oral and written communications
- ♦ Can work with minimal supervision
- ♦ Willing to travel anywhere in the Philippines

ACCOUNT MANAGER
Food and Mass
Consumer Imaging Division

Qualifications are the same as the Account Manager - Visayas/Mindanao plus the following requirements:

- ♦ Has experience in handling key supermarkets, department stores, convenience stores, warehouse clubs, ie Shoemart, Rustan's, Robinson's, Makro, etc. and direct distributors catering to food and mass channel
- ♦ Knowledgeable in merchandising consumer products in the check out counters, island gondolas and mass display racks of supermarkets

SERVICE ENGINEER
Consumer Imaging Division

- ♦ A graduate of Electrical, Chemical, Electronics and Communications, or Computer Engineering course
- ♦ Knowledgeable in computer softwares/hardware, windows applications, Adobe Photoshop, computer networking and Information Technology
- ♦ Analytical and resourceful
- ♦ Fluent in both oral and written communications
- ♦ Possesses excellent inter-personal skills and can immediately establish rapport with a broad range of people
- ♦ Willing to be assigned anywhere in the Philippines

Fresh graduates may apply.

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- ♦ A graduate of a Business or an Accounting course
- ♦ Analytical and mathematically-inclined
- ♦ Fluent in both oral and written communications
- ♦ Has strong interpersonal skills and pleasing personality

Fresh graduates may apply.

If you think you can take the challenge, send your comprehensive resumé, transcript of records and (1x1) picture to:

KODAK PHILIPPINES, LTD.
Human Resources Department
2247 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City
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- ☑ Experience in HACCP, GMP and ISO 9000
- ☑ Experience in refrigeration and cold storage facilities
- ☑ Must have a minimum of 7 years of cumulative experience in engineering functions, 5 years of which should be in managerial capacity in food processing
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The company offers a competitive package and benefits to the chosen candidate. Aspirants may forward their application letter and resumé attention to HRD Department Box No. MN-2026 c/o Classified Ads Division, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City.

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(Position Code: HRDM)

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- Excellent scholastic records are a must
- With at least 5 years experience in manpower sourcing & recruitment
- Mature, reliable, hardworking, and able to work well in a fast-paced environment

Qualified applicants are requested to write in confidence, with brief career details to:

(POSITION CODE)
P.O. Box No. 3506, Makati City

Deadline for submission of application is on June 30, 2001

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Qualifications:

- A graduate of agri-business or equivalent field of experience
- With experience in project monitoring and evaluation, specially the finance side
- With knowledge in auditing
- Physically fit to travel frequently to the CPPAP sites

TECHNICAL OFFICER

Qualifications:

- Preferably with background in Environmental Science
- Proficient in written and oral communication
- Physically fit to travel frequently to the CPPAP sites

LOCAL AREA NETWORK SUPPORT STAFF

Qualifications:

- Holds a degree in Computer Science or related discipline
- Familiar with Windows 2000 environment
- With experience in computer and network maintenance

PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

Qualifications:

- An Accounting graduate
- Preferably with work experience in foreign funded project
- With at least 2 years experience in Bookkeeping

LIAISON STAFF

Qualifications:

- Proficient in oral and written communication
- With excellent technical writing skills
- With experience in dealing with national and local government bodies and institutions; with knowledge in NGO/Civil Society networking
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANT FOR APO REEF NATURAL PARK

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Candidates should forward application letter and resumé with passport size photo (required) to:

THE HRMD-Administration Manager
NIPA Inc., 701 Fil Garcia Tower
140 Kalayaan corner Mayaman Street, Diliman, Quezon City
E-mail address: nipa@nipa.org.ph or nipa@mozcom.com

Deadline for submission of application: **June 29, 2001**

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Interested parties may send their application letter with their resumé, xerox copy of transcript of records and I.D. photo to:

The Human Resources Manager
Box No. KA-008-01 ME
c/o the Philippine Daily Inquirer
G/F Trinity Building, #636 T.M. Kalaw Street
Ermita, Manila
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- ☐ Minimum of 5 years solid experience in Sales
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- ☐ Excellent oral and written skills in English & Tagalog

Interested applicant may apply in person together with their resumé, 2x2 picture and transcript of records at:

Human Resources Department
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Telephone Nos. 899-2422, 899-2440 to 41

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- ✓ are results- oriented and can work with minimal supervision
- ✓ are computer literate and can communicate effectively
- ✓ are honest, dependable & trustworthy

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You will be responsible for the preparation of trial balance and related accounting works. A college degree in Accountancy is required. At least 2 years experience in bookkeeping activities is a must.

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You will be responsible for sourcing, qualifying and servicing corporate clients, and pursuing excellent customer care and service. You must possess strong interpersonal skills, an outgoing personality, and a good sense of humor. A college degree is required. At least 2 years experience in corporate or field sales is a must.

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The Human Resources Manager
THE LEATHER COLLECTION, INC.
#15 Don Mariano Lim Industrial Complex
Alabang Zapote – Rd. Las Piñas City
Fax No. 842-2204
E-mail: hrd@leather-collection.com
Website: www.leather-collection.com

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OFFICE / STORE MANAGER

You will be responsible for organizing and managing the day-to-day operations of our Makati office/ store and for ensuring strict adherence to company policies, systems and procedures. You must possess strong interpersonal skills, an outgoing personality, and a good sense of humor. College graduate, preferably with strong Accounting background , with a minimum of 2 years supervisory / hands-on management experience in retail store operations is required.

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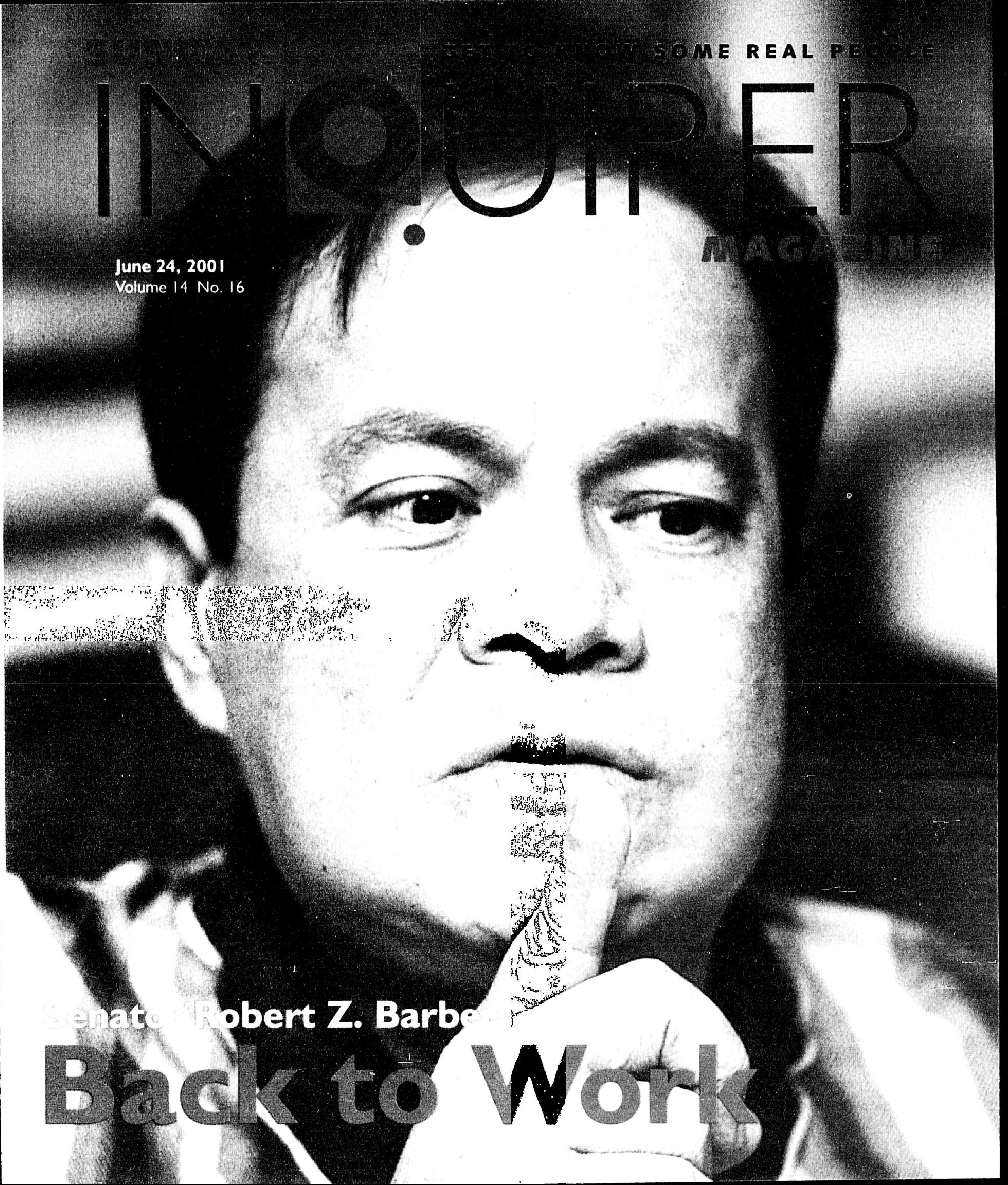

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SURPRISE DELIGHT

For someone who has nothing to do this summer, your reading issue (**SIM**, 29 April 2001) came as a surprise delight. Your list of reading prospects was better than listening to noisy political campaigns or trying to reason with the unreasonable "Edsa 3" rallyists.

I particularly like to read "Colours of the Mountain," a sentimental memoir by Da Chen. I am intrigued by its simple words, rich emotions and great wisdom glanced through a few lines taken from the story.

It is worthwhile to remember that I happened to read two great books through your past reading issue: Arundhati Roy's "The God of Small Things" (1997 Booker Prize winner) and Arthur Golden's novel, "Memoirs of a Geisha." If I remember right, it was INQUIRER food columnist Doreen Fernandez who recommended these two good novels to SIM readers.

Reading this summer made me forget the heat, dust, occasional pain, the boredom and waterless days of waiting for the next semester to begin. It brings on memories of good things: a cold splash of water, evergreen, wild sunflower growing (as seen from the fire exit window of our retreat house in Baguio City when we were there last January). Reading transports me to dreamed-of places. Thank you for a wonderful summer. I hope **SIM** will continue to surprise my Sunday morning.

ROBERTO DV. REVILLA
San Isidro, Bay, Laguna

SCIENTISTS, TOO

Congratulations on your well-written and informative articles. I appreciate your write-up on National Artist F. Sionil Jose (**SIM**, 27 May 2001). He is truly a remarkable person, a co-awardee of the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation. I wonder if in forthcoming issues you can also write about National Scientists awarded by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)? I hope you will consider National Scientist awardees worthy of a write-up. Many thanks and best wishes.

FE DEL MUNDO, M.D.

LONG OVERDUE

I congratulate Lito B. Zulueta for that fine portrait of the artist F. Sionil Jose. Jose's National Artist laurel is not only long overdue but also scandalously late. In a society surrounded by writing of enormous triviality, Jose turns up as one of the few exceptions who have the courage to say the unsayable, to speak the unspeakable—and in the process, knock up the social conscience of our race. The master fictionists—Rizal, Joaquin, Gregorio C. Brillantes—all knew this, but many contemporary writers, alas, have forgotten. Again, congratulations and more power to **SIM**.

CARLOS O. AUREUS
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MELANIE'S GOOD FORTUNE

Greetings from Indiana, USA! I was reading your story about Melanie Marquez's life (**SIM**, 3 June 2001) and I was very surprised about her fortune. She really deserves to be happy after all. I am a Filipina, and a member of the church she and her husband go to in Salt Lake City, Utah. We have a branch over here in Indiana, too. If you don't mind, can you email me their home address in Utah? My family might visit the place someday. Thank you very much and may God bless us all.

KHAREL CANADAY
Khathom377@cs.com

INSPIRING STORY

I'm not actually a Melanie Marquez admirer or follower. In fact, I found her life extraordinarily "*magulo*" (messy), with her having so many relationships in the past, and having kids with different men. Her life is like a wild roller coaster ride. But after reading your article, I told myself, "*Salamat sa Diyos*! (Thank God)." She has finally found someone who is willing to love her, grow old with her, and to accept her warts and all. I found her story very inspiring and full of hope.

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Survivors' Tales

by Raquel P. Gomez

Ten years after Pinatubo buried their homes, two women recall lives ruled by a force of nature and enhanced by a sense of community

Living Through the Seasons of Ash

ON A HOT SUNNY MIDDAY IN BACOLOR, PAMPANGA, A VAN OF JAPANESE TOURISTS ALIGHT IN FRONT OF SAN GUILLERMO CHURCH, THE 16TH CENTURY EDIFICE WHOSE GREATLY DIMINISHED BELL TOWER AND FAÇADE STICK OUT OF THE HARDENED MUD DISGORGED BY MT. PINATUBO 32 KILOMETERS AWAY. SOME THREE BILLION CUBIC METERS OF SAND AND ASH FROM THE RAGING VOLCANO BURIED THE TOWN IN 1995 IN ONE OF THE CHRONIC MUDFLOWS THAT STARTED FOUR YEARS EARLIER.

A tourist scours the almost desolate and deserted landscape. Finally he says with some amusement: "Are there still people who live here?"

Maria Pineda, 67, a retired teacher, lives less than a kilometer away from the church. She never left Bacolor, even when mudflow overran their house several times. Her elevated two-story house is the third house they had built in a span of ten years. Buried underneath the 160-meter lot—one on top of the other—are two houses destroyed by mudflow in 1993 and 1995. Pineda and her husband have lived through the eruptions and consequent mudflow generated by Mt. Pinatubo after it erupted on June 12, 1991.

From the roof of their house, the couple has seen and survived the mighty avalanche of mud, which carries with it trees, cars and the houses of their neighbors. Their rooftop, often the lone survivor of a lahar rampage, transforms into living space, watchtower and emergency center for evacuees waiting for rescue choppers and army trucks. Isolated during these times, the Pinedas manage with the help of their children who regularly provide them all their needs. "Our children want us out of here, but my husband doesn't want to. They couldn't do anything," says Pineda.

Rebuilding their house and filling it with new furnishings as well as planting ornamental plants on a barren backyard seem to have become a habit with Pineda. But this time, she says with resignation: "Our money is now gone. Everything went to the construction of the houses. The only thing we managed to save from lahar is the dining set. Even the 14 pieces of driftwood I cherished sank into the mud."

Romy Homillada

The house that mudflow built: Maria Pineda points to the third house her family has built since Pinatubo's eruption in 1991

Leaving, like the rest, isn't an option, she says. "My husband does not want to and he has his reasons. And I couldn't leave him here and abandon our house even if our place has become an ocean of lahar," says Pineda.

Pineda has lived in Bacolor for more than 50 years and the town and its people, she says, have become a memorable backdrop to the many colorful events in her life. She got married and raised six children here. She taught college in Don Honorio Ventura College, just a few blocks from her house. During the annual procession of the Virgin Mary of the Rosary, she would walk the main streets lined with beautiful old Spanish houses.

"I miss the houses here and over there," she points to a vacant lot that seems endless. "Every time I pass by the street, I would say to myself, an old beautiful house used to stand here. Would the owners be back to rebuild it? And of course, I miss the market. Before, if we don't have salt, we could buy some nearby. Now we have to go to Guagua town or San Fernando just to buy salt."

Pineda and the few residents who still live here now regard Mt. Pinatubo, which made more than 300,000 people homeless, with less apprehension. They don't build fences around their lots anymore. Instead they build elevated houses, houses on stilts that welcome the free flow of mud. The mud still comes, one or two feet thick, every time it rains.

To Pineda, the effect of Mt. Pinatubo's eruption on their lives far encompasses the destruction it brought them. "There are no rich

Common sight: Aeta children huddle around their teacher, a COLF volunteer (above, right) from the lowlands

Roger Carpio

Roger Carpio

Staying put. Merlina says her children's education comes first

or poor, we all became one as a community," she recalls. Before Mt. Pinatubo erupted, "I didn't know who my neighbors are. Nor did I care about what was happening in my town. But when the disaster happened, I learned to visit my neighbors' damaged homes to emphatize with them. And we became closer."

HUNDREDS of kilometers north of Mt. Pinatubo, in a resettlement area in barangay Kalangitan, Capas, Tarlac, lives Merlina de la Cruz, 25, an Aeta. She is among the hundreds of Aetas driven out from the slopes of the volcano when it acted up.

Her life has changed tremendously, Merlina says. For one, she and other members of her tribe have suddenly become the center of attention of both government and non-government agencies whose representatives hover over the area. She got used to small gatherings where the *unat*, what they call people from the lowlands on account of their straight hair, speak of ways of making the community self-reliant. She got used to people providing them with food, clothes, seeds and farm animals. She got used to teachers huddled with fully-clothed Aeta children in makeshift classrooms under a mango tree. She became accustomed to the ways of the *unat* who form 40 percent of the resettlement community and who would intermarry with her people.

In Filipino, she says "We lost our farm lands when Mt. Pinatubo erupted. We subsisted on dole-outs in resettlement areas." Eventually, she adds, "Our lives became better. We were given lots to farm."

Merlina and husband Henry, 41, are stewards of a 2,000-square-meter-lot provided by the government. Here they plant and harvest vegetables, which they sell to lowlanders. Already, they've learned to price their crops right and to bargain with buyers who used to think they could pull a fast one with the Aetas.

When Merlina first came to the Kalangitan resettlement area, she was 16 and was forced to marry by her parents through a dowry system still practised by the Aetas. She now has four children who attend a pre-school class conducted by the Community of Learners Foundation, an NGO focused on the early childhood years of the Aetas. Merlina also teaches, having been trained by the COLF to be a teacher assist.

She revels at her newfound calling, which is also shared by other Aeta women. "Here an Aeta woman is considered a councilwoman," she says. "When we were in the mountains, the women were only expected to do work. But now, like the men, we meet and talk with the elders."

In the last election, politicians came to their place to bring the Aetas to town to vote, which surprised Merlina. She says that in the mountain, politicians hardly visit them. But now Aeta gatherings and discussions are punctuated with talk on politics. There are pro-Erap and anti-Erap Aetas—they too were hooked on the TV coverage of the impeachment trial. Merlina is among those who think Erap did the country wrong.

Living in peace in the mountainous resettlement area, Merlina hardly thinks of Mt. Pinatubo. She remembers the afternoon it erupted. She was on her way down to enroll in a public school in barangay Patling with her friends. "I thought it was the end of the world." She rushed down the mountain and met with the army rescuers. The next thing she knew she was being transferred from one evacuation center to another until she found her parents in Tarlac. She says her parents blame the Philippine National Oil Company for putting up a project nearby which disturbed the volcano.

Unable to live closely with the *unat*, some older members of Merlina's family have chosen to go back to Mt. Pinatubo. They've already found their farming lands and started planting root crops, having discovered the ash- and pumice-laced soil good for such plants. Merlina went back last year as well, but promptly moved back to Capas at the thought of her children being unable to go to school.

"If it were up to me, I prefer to go back to the mountain," says Merlina. "But I'm thinking of my children who would be deprived of a good education. I notice that children who grow up in the mountain are shy and afraid of people. But the children who go to school, they become confident and are not afraid of people, even the *unat*."

Poetry

The Purpose of Museums

The purpose of museums
is for kissing
Abstracts make good backdrops
for quick smooches

while burning eyes lament
the loss of art in lovemaking
Lace doilies and tapestries
mark the rhythms

conjoined hands swing
through narrow doorways
missing wooden sculptures
casting confusing shadows
on marble floors

Curves and corners
convenient for stolen hugs
fingers trace tense lines

But please skip the Realists
who rob the magic of museums

Why should you go see
what you could have
outside its doors?
Dawn completes my day

If not for the hour between
cock crow and sizzling bangus,
I would be walking the streets
with thoughts half hanging
between head and heart

Marvi A. Gil

Holdap

Magtitira ako ng isandaan
Huwag lamang mapikon
Ang kutsilyo sa tagiliran

Kung matagpuang
Pitaka'y walang laman kundi
Papel de Ahensiya't pekeng dolyar

Lihim akong ngingisi't
Naisahan ko ang pobre
Ipinuslit ko rin yata'ng ATM card ko

Ngunit bigla rin namang
Mumurahin ang sarili't
Nakalimutang tanggalin

Ang iyong larawan.

Jose Maria Bayani

Mahinahong Salita

a.
Marahang-marahan
tulad ng mga tuyong dahon,
lalapag ang mahinahong salita
sa rumaragasang batis,
magpapalutang, magpapatangay,
at ilalapat ang hiblang sumasakop
sa makinis na balat ng tubig.

b.
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naglalambing sa mga braso at binti,
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na namimintana sa gabi, nakatanaw sa balete,
at nilalanghap ang simoy na dayuhan.
Matimyas na awit ang kanyang tangay-tangay,
may sumasabit pang tinig
na kumakalansing.

c.
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sa nagngangalit na dagat,
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tangan-tangan ang lambat—
hitik sa pumupusag na dalumat
ngunit malusog naman sa timyas
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Eugene Y. Evasco

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Miracle Man

Erik Arazas

A man renewed: Barbers at his work table

LIFE THESE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BEEN A SERIES OF MIRACLES, SAYS SEN. ROBERT Z. BARBERS WHO, PEOPLE ARE SAYING, MISSED OUT ON HISTORY WHEN HE FLEW TO THE STATES FOR A THROAT OPERATION AT THE START OF THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL. BUT THE SENATOR STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT HE HAD A TUMOR IN HIS THROAT BECAUSE "THE LORD HAD A DESIGN."

His vote to open the controversial Jose Velarde envelope would have resulted in a tie and Chief Justice Hilario Davide would have had to make the final decision. Davide would likely have voted to open the envelope, and the impeachment trial would have proceeded.

Had this happened, Barbers believes Estrada would not have been ousted because he admitted, "we did not have the numbers." Wife Virgie interjected: "God made him an instrument."

The words seem to apply as well in Barbers' bout with his throat tumor. For the Surigao senator, the success of his operation could only be described as a miracle. It was in fact a series of miracles.

In October last year, Barbers underwent an executive checkup in a Manila hospital. Doctors found an inch-long mass at the back of his tonsils. The tumor was malignant.

But because it was too deep and small and there was no medical equipment for an operation that could remove it, Barbers' doctors suggested that he seek medical treatment in the United States. They gave him a name—Dr. Bruce Haughey, an ENT specialist who was supposed to be one of the best in the field.

Barbers and his wife, Virgie, flew to the US on October 19 to seek an appointment with Haughey. There they were told that the doctor's schedule was always full and that it normally took six months to book with him. But as fate, or in Barbers' belief heaven, would have it, there was suddenly an opening in Haughey's schedule and Barbers was booked for surgery in just three weeks.

That was the first miracle.

If Barbers waited for a few more months, the tumor would have grown bigger—it was expected to double in size every three months—and it would be dangerous for his health. While awaiting the scheduled surgery, Barbers and his wife, who is active in the St. Andrews Church in Bel-Air, prayed and asked for more prayers from their friends, including the Pink Sisters congregation.

Before his operation, Barbers was told that surgeons might have to cut open his jaw so they could reach the tumor that was deeply hidden behind his tonsil. The operation started at 8 a.m. When it ended at 10 p.m., Haughey said he wanted to talk to Virgie. But she was so scared about what he might say that she asked a doctor-friend from the Philippines to talk to Haughey. The friend told Virgie that the surgeons did not have to cut open her husband's jaw anymore.

That was the second miracle.

The surgeons had removed parts of Barbers' soft palate and had transplanted skin from his left arm to it. They also took several lymph node samples. Only two of the samples were malignant. His tongue and voice box were spared by the tumor.

For one month after the operation, Barbers had no voice and could only write what he wanted to say. He quickly filled up three notebooks. A month later, he regained his voice. He suffered none of the post-operative complications usually associated with surgeries. Some patients in the hospital in fact commented on this, wondering how this Filipino was spared those.

Barbers had to undergo radiation therapy for a month, and was scheduled for the afternoon, from Monday to Friday.

But there was a problem. It was always snowing heavily in the state. From night till morning, it would snow without letup. When the Barbers couple would wake up in the morning, all they could see was snow. In fact, half of their window was covered with snow. Yet by noon, it would stop snowing and by the time the couple had to leave for the hospital for the senator's therapy, the streets would be cleared of snow.

That was another miracle.

And as if to prove that everything that has so far happened had been a series of miracles, a snowstorm covered Missouri right after the couple left for Manila.

"Everything is a miracle. The success of the operation and the healing is providential. It's God's gift to me," Barbers would say again and again when asked to recount what he went through.

Before the impeachment trial: Barbers at a Senate hearing beside former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile

It was a different Barbers who came home to Manila last February. It was not because he was leaner (he lost 40 pounds and now weighs 194 lbs.); it was not because his speech was different (he undergoes speech therapy once a week but speaks quite clearly). More than the physical changes in the man, it was the emotional and spiritual changes in him that struck those who have always known him as a tough-talking policeman and local government secretary. These days, his sentences are always punctuated with the words "God," "Lord," "miracle," "love," and "prayer."

Told to take things easy and not to get too tired, Barbers however flew to Surigao del Norte almost immediately to campaign for his sons—Robert Ace and Robert Lyndon—who were running in the May 14 elections.

Even in Missouri, Barbers was so concerned about his sons' political future that he would cry from time to time because he felt that they would lose in the polls if he did not campaign for them. There was also a lot of black propaganda against him in Surigao, says Barbers.

"My sons' opponents were saying that I was bedridden, or I was confined to a wheelchair, that I was already bald due to chemotherapy, that I could not speak anymore and was about to die," explains Barbers of his need to go to his home province.

A large crowd greeted the senator and his wife at the Surigao airport, with people rushing his chartered plane even before its propellers could stop turning. "They were knocking on the plane's windows," Virgie recounts. "And when he finally got off the plane, they treated him as if he were a saint. Some held on to his hands, others put their hands on his shirt or arms."

Barbers had been told to avoid crowds because he could easily contract cough and colds. Ignoring his doctor's advice, the senator campaigned actively for his sons, speaking in every political gathering he could attend.

The hard work paid off. Robert Ace was reelected congressman of Surigao del Norte's second district while Robert Lyndon, who quit his job as Metro Manila regional director of the Department of Tourism, won as governor of the province.

"The victory of my sons is providential," Barbers now says. "God is so kind to me." He believes his tumor pushed him and his family closer to God. "This is the second lease on my life," he says. "I think I still have a mission to fulfill."

When the 12th Congress opens next month, it will be a different Barbers who will face the Senate. "I will inject Christ into politics," Barbers declares. "With my children, I promise that we will inject a new kind of politics, a God-centered politics and I will invite other politicians to join us."

For one, he says, he will consult the people when some projects are to be implemented "because I believe that the voice of the people is the voice of God." He will also re-file certain bills: one to make the anti-illegal drugs law even more stringent, another that punishes money laundering, and several others that would give additional benefits to soldiers, policemen and teachers.

"I won't do anything in my life except that which is good in the name of the Lord," says the senator.

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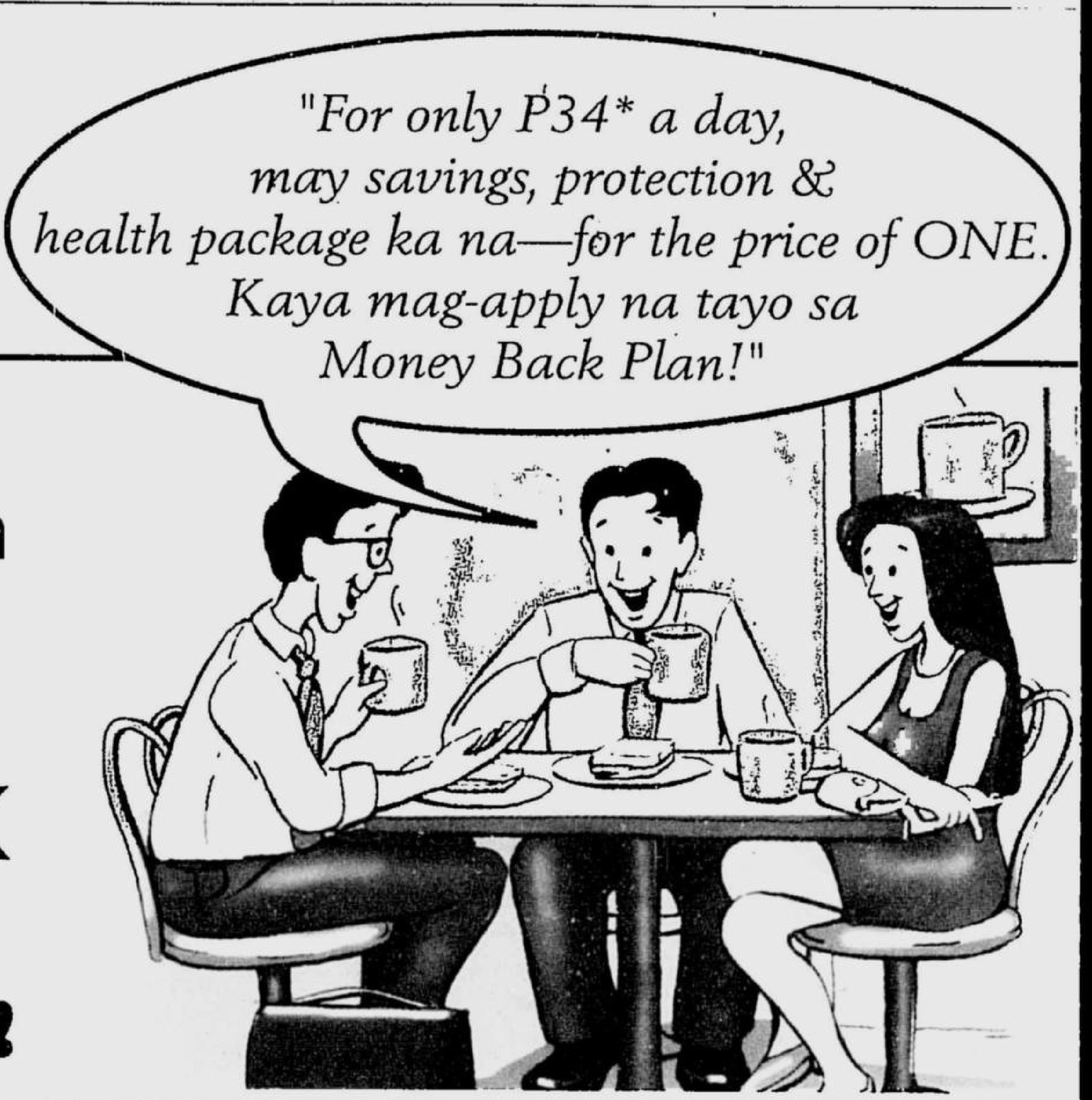
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A cosmetics company has chosen ten outstanding Filipino women as examples of true beauty for being successful, creative and compassionate

More Than Skin Deep

THIRTY YEARS AGO, MARY KAY HAD A DREAM AND THE DRIVE. WHAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE WAS THE MONEY TO START HER OWN COSMETICS COMPANY. NOW THAT MARY KAY COSMETICS, INC., HAS BECOME A GLOBAL BRAND, MAKING ITS MARK EVEN IN THE PHILIPPINES, ITS FOUNDER HAS SET HER SIGHTS ON SELLING MORE THAN BEAUTY PRODUCTS TO WOMEN. HOW ABOUT ACHIEVEMENT, SUCCESS AND SELF-ESTEEM?

On its first anniversary, the company has named 10 Filipino Women with a Heart, individuals who exemplify today's compassionate and successful women. The mix of personalities from media, politics, and the arts is composed of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, former President Corazon Aquino, Sen. Loren Legarda Leviste, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and former movie actress Rosa Rosal, economist Solita Monsod, high-profile lawyer Katrina Legarda, international pianist Ingrid Sala Santamaria, actress and broadcast manager Boots Anson Roa, TV personality Cielito Del Mundo and former noontime show host Coney Reyes. In naming these 10 extraordinary women, the company wants to promote the ideals of a liberal woman as well—ambitious, creative and strong, yet God-fearing and charitable, says Jiji Recto, marketing manager of Mary Kay Philippines.

Daughter of the late President Diosdado Macapagal, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo used to accompany her father on official functions and imagined herself in his seat. The former Economics professor moved on to politics in 1992 when she was elected senator. Reelected in 1995, she distinguished herself by topping the senatorial race. The 1998 elections also gave the former vice president the biggest margin of votes ever attained in Philippine history. Macapagal-Arroyo was proclaimed President in January this year.

Corazon Aquino, a reluctant politician, was the country's first woman president, and was the powerful rallying force that toppled former President Ferdinand Marcos in the people-powered EDSA revolt. Named Time Magazine's Woman of the Year in 1986 for her bloodless coup, Aquino has moved on to become an influential force in Philippine politics. She is also involved in the Aquino Foundation which offers scholarships, and the Sulung Pampanga Foundation's low-cost housing program.

The youngest woman ever elected to the Senate, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste made the painless move from broadcasting to politics in 1998 when she topped the senatorial race. The former broadcaster's award-winning shows ("PEP Talk" and "The Inside Story," among others) tackled issues, events and personalities who helped shape Philippine society. As a senator, she had filed and authored over 100 bills and 60 resolutions by the end of year 2000. She was named Likas Yaman awardee by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and has been honored by several civic groups for her outstanding performance as a senator-judge in the Estrada impeachment trial.

Maintaining the air of a glamorous movie star, Rosa Rosal has used her celebrity status to advance humanitarian concerns, notably that of the Philippine National Red Cross. The multi-awarded actress and former host of the long running public service show, "*Damayan*" has received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service.

Solita Collas-Monsod laughingly admits to being a prime candidate for total makeover by Mary Kay. "Mareng Winnie," the outspoken host of GMA-7's "*Debate*," was director-general of the National Economic and Development Authority. She plans to go back to teaching and confesses to no other frustration in life "except that I'm not 5'7."

She is not a political figure, but crossing swords with felons and politicians in court has made Atty. Katrina Legarda a household name. She has handled such high-profile cases as the Congressman Jalosjos rape case, the Echegaray rape case and the libel suit filed by former President Aquino against columnist Luis Beltran and publisher Maximo Soliven. Legarda currently co-hosts the TV talk show "Off the Record" with INQUIRER columnist Randy David.

Pianist Ingrid Sala Santamaria has won international acclaim as well as local recognition by being the most frequently-featured soloist on the televised "Concert at the Park" series since 1978. Santamaria also organized the Cebu Youth Symphony Orchestra that later became the Peace Philharmonic Philippines, the national orchestra in the Southern Philippines.

Betoy Johnson

Heartwarmers. awardees Rosa Rosal, Coney Reyes (top) and Winnie Monsod: successful and compassionate

Award-winning movie actress and TV personality Boots Anson-Roa has been recognized as a Gintong Ina Awardee from 1994 to 1998 and has served as general manager of IBC-13 and vice chair for television of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa

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Twists of Fate
by Ma. Criselda A. Uy

Stranger things have happened, but former showbiz reporter and gay TV host Anselle Beluso swears his religious transformation and impending marriage are for real

Anselle Beluso's
Road to Damascus

THEY'RE GONE. THE FLIRTATIOUSLY RAISED BROWS, THE FLAMBOYANT VOICE AND SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS OF THE TV TALK SHOW HOST OF THE DEFUNCT PROGRAM "ISANG TANONG, ISANG SAGOT" HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED OFF THE AIR. IN THEIR PLACE, ANSELLE BELUSO OFFERS THE EARNESTNESS OF A RELIGIOUS CONVERT AND THE WORKING MAN'S ENSEMBLE OF FADED JEANS AND A ROOMY SHIRT.

Roger Carpio

Then and now: Anselle hosting "Isang Tanong" (left) and Anselle today as a pastoral worker

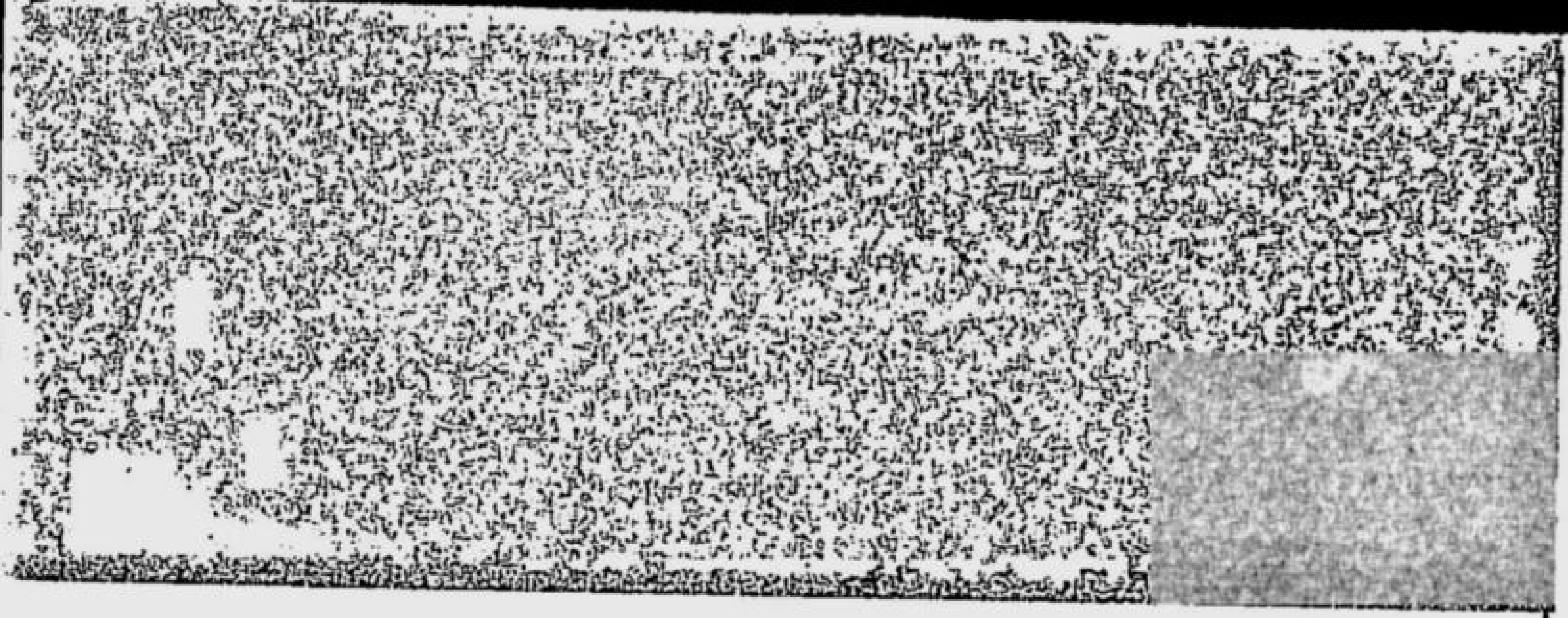
At any other time, the former outrageous showbiz reporter would have shrieked, "'*Diyos ko, ano na naman ito*?!' (Lord, just what is this all about?) if confronted with the possibility of working at the Couples For Christ (CFC) Global Missions Center and the prospect of becoming a full-blooded male. But things have changed, admits Anselle. At the cusp of an extraordinary journey, he is counting the days before marrying his fiancée, Joyce Supnet, and giving thanks "for another opportunity to serve God."

At 40, Anselle is excited and anxious about his upcoming family life. He met Joyce at the same Couples for Christ TV ministry where he is a full-time pastoral worker and she, an executive assistant in Coops for Christ. Joyce confides that she initially balked at accepting Anselle's suit. ""Lord, don't kid me. I don't want him. Let it not be him," she prayed for two months after turning him down twice. "But he was persistent if a bit inexperienced and utterly ignorant in the game of courtship," she recalls. Soon enough, says Joyce, she found herself turning around. "I began thanking God instead for this 'gift'" she adds.

Indeed, Anselle said he was persistent because he knew it was part of God's plan for him to have a real family. "When I decided to court Joyce, I knew I wanted to marry her. One of my discoveries (after transformation) was that I have the capacity to love a woman," he says with the sigh of one who knows he would have to tell his entire story to make people understand.

Two decades ago, begins Anselle, his typical Sunday meant getting drunk with buddies from the entertainment industry and intimate moments with his boyfriend of the week. These days he spends his weekends giving inspirational talks and pastoral services in remote areas. "Before, I lived by rituals, traditions and schedules," says Anselle. "Now I just lift everything to the Lord. If you follow your own whims, you miss the joy of serving God."

After a writing stint with Jingle Extra Hot entertainment magazine, where he became popular with celebrities and picked libel suits at the same time, Anselle realized that show business has pushed him out of the closet.



"It was the start of a lifestyle that lasted almost 20 years," he recalls. "I had affairs with all kinds of men and have done everything licentious in any place imaginable. Finally," writes Anselle for Kerygma, a Catholic inspirational magazine, "I realized how I was basking in the glory of my sexual freedom." And why not? He seemed to have everything in life - money, fame, lovers. For five years, he lived with a man who went to church with him regularly, and agreed to adopt a child they nicknamed Bobom. "True, I had everything a person could ask for," recalls Anselle. "But before I hit the sack at night, I always got this gnawing feeling that all I had was temporary."

The end came when Inday Badiday's Loca Productions, which produced the TV programs "Kris" and "Miss D" at GMA-7, closed down. Anselle became jobless and his long-time lover left him. The man who once entered St. Peter's Antique Seminary at his grandmother's behest found himself visiting the adoration chapel daily for help. It came in 1998 when GMA-7's vice-president for programming Leny Parto offered him a writing and directorial job for CFC. The show, "In His Steps" aired transformation stories over RPN-9.

"It was a good source of income, so initially I thought *raket lang*," says Anselle. "But as I interviewed people who were transformed, I realized that there are people out there who made God for real. As I worked on the show, I didn't know that God was working on me," he says, adding that the stories he heard were "magnificent stories and couldn't be the work of anybody or anything else, except God."

The show signed off last February, but another life has opened for Anselle. "I realize now how I've tried to make myself bigger and bloated my sense of self-importance. That's what we do: we build layers and masks to protect our vulnerabilities. But what God gives, he can take away. What he takes away, he can give back a thousandfold."

Even then, Anselle admits, transformation was "a very painful process" for him.

"Part of the pain was the cynicism of people, especially my gay friends. But then again, that helped me fortify my commitment to God because I realize it's my life, not theirs," says Anselle.

He has not regretted his past, however, not even his longtime relationship with a man. "(People) don't have to believe in me; my relationship with God is more important to me. It's between God and me. I am just stupefied at how God has simplified my life, wants and needs."

One of the most evident changes, Anselle notes, is in his attitude and the way he now smiles more often and cries at the littlest smallest thing. "Before, as a reporter for 'Eye to Eye,' I was immune to the hapless face of poverty. Now, like every renewed Christian, a lot of things can move me to tears. Every stranger I meet is a friend because it is an opportunity sent to me by God."

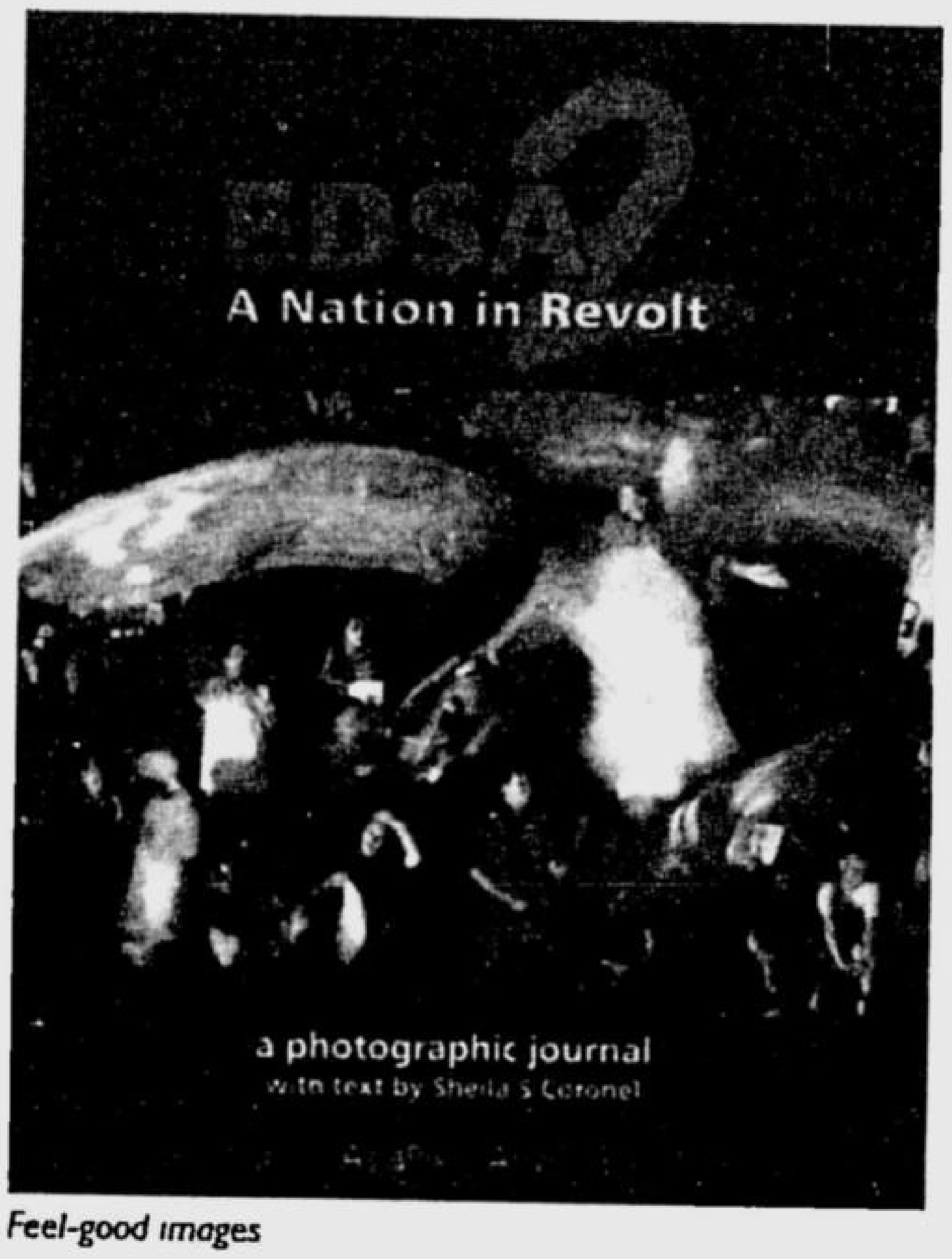
Anselle sees for himself an ideal future according to God's will. He will father another boy, aside from Bobom, he says, and a girl. "Everything became clear when I joined this community. One has to dream and not just float through life. So ten years from now, I'm sure I'd still be here, serving God."

Truth, Well Told and in Full Color

Finally, a book that chronicles the country's most recent shining moment, as captured by today's top photojournalists

SOME THINGS WE'D RATHER FORGET, BUT OTHERS WE LIKE TO HAUL OUT OF OUR MEMORY BANK TO REMIND US OF THE GOOD TIMES. WITH THE ABU SAYYAF HOSTAGE CRISIS HOGGING THE HEADLINES ANEW, THE FIX OF THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE ASIAPIX AND ANVIL PUBLISHING'S "EDSA2: A NATION IN REVOLT," A PHOTOGRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS THAT LED TO PEOPLE POWER 2.

The book's 252 powerful images, taken by 53 outstanding Filipino photojournalists, is a touching affirmation of our collective strength as a people and a timely reminder of how national unity can preempt events and reshape history. The photographs trace the rise and fall of former President Estrada, from the charismatic movie star being dogged by fans, to the macho commander-in-chief waging war in Mindanao, to the alternately defiant and beleaguered head of state during the impeachment trial and his eventual ouster.



Feel-good images

Capturing the defining moments of our country's recent brush with greatness are Junn Abriza, Jun Aniceto, Manolet Agoncillo, Yasmin Arquiza, Dennis Ascalon, Sid Balatan, Bobby Cabrera, Albert Calvelo, Melvyn Calderon, Ricky Canta, Irene Chia, Lawrence Chin, Revoli Cortez, Allan Cuizon, Mike de Juan, Artemio Dumlao, Boy Esclanda, Sonny Espiritu, Aaron Favila, Romy Gacad, Joe Galvez, Froilan Gallardo, Rico Gonzales, Oliver Garcia, Chris Fernandez, Marvi Lacar, Rey Lazo, Emilie Ledesma, Rafael Lerma, Luis Liwanag, Rudy Liwanag, Dennis Magdamo, Bullit Marquez, Mandy Navasero, Alex Nueva Espana, Lito Ocampo, Ray Panaligan, Teddy Pelaez, Jojo Pasana, Tony Pionilla,Roger Rañada, Lyn Rillon, Pat Roque, Freddie Rosaros, Rey Sabio, Charles Saceda, Rudy Santos, Bobby Timonera, Edwin Tuyay, Joseph Ventura, Joseph Vidal,Andy Zapata and Pinggot Zulueta.

But while the photographs may be worth a thousand words and memories, the lead essay by Sheila Coronel of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism certainly gives the images added depth, perspective and context. Writes Coronel: "If Philippine politics sometimes seems like the stage of a morality play, it is because of leaders like Joseph Estrada and before him, Ferdinand Marcos, whose monumental sins inspire a moral crusade. If it seems sometimes like the stage for a Greek tragedy, it is because of the genuine affection with which these presidents were propelled to power, the hubris that marred their rule, and the popular outrage that drove them out of Malacañang."

Like the impeachment trial that Coronel describes as "a soap opera, civics lesson and courtroom drama rolled into one," "EDSA2: A Nation in Revolt," is all of illustrated history book, treasured family album, personal journal of recent events and detailed manual for alternative politics.

"EDSA2" is available at popular bookstores and the PCIJ office, tel. 410-4768 and 69. **PAC**

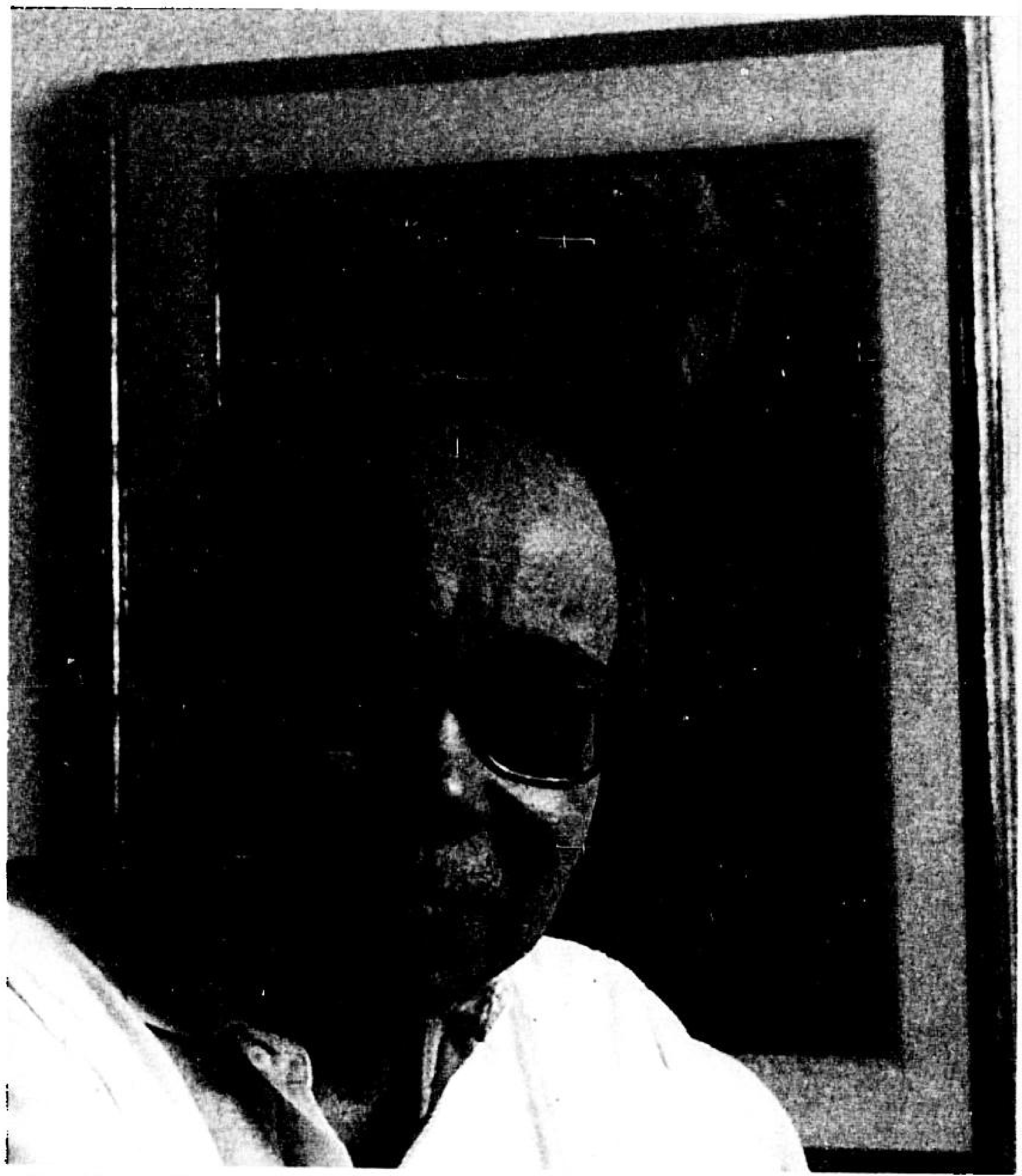
In Memoriam

by Ernesto Aguilar

E. Aguilar Cruz, who died 10 years ago, is still remembered by his townmates for his twin passions—good food and the arts

The Legend

of Tatang Abé of Magalang



Abé with his self portrait in oil in the background

THE LITTLE BOY LEFT MAGALANG WHEN HE WAS 12 TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN FERNANDO, THE CAPITAL. IN THOSE DAYS DURING THE EARLY 1920s, THE MENFOLK OF MAGALANG HAD BEEN TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR YEARS TO SOLVE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLES CARRIED BY THE WEEKLY FREE PRESS MAGAZINE. EMILIO, SON OF CIRIACA AGUILAR AND APOLONIO DE LA CRUZ OF BO. SAN NICOLAS, FILLED IN THE CURRENT PUZZLE AND SENT HIS ENTRY TO THE MAGAZINE.

Weeks later, the town of Magalang was abuzz with the news: A Magaleño has finally solved the crossword puzzle! It was the lad Emilio Aguilar Cruz who cracked the magazine's vocabulary contest. When Emilio returned to Magalang for the summer, the townsfolk turned out to meet him in the streets like a conquering hero.

After high school, Emilio went to Manila and enrolled at the UP School of Fine Arts, but he soon gave this up because all they taught him was how to draw flowers in vases and stuffed insects. He abandoned his studies and his ambition to become a painter. Instead he found work as an orderly in the mental hospital in Manila.

Sometime later he wrote a short story about inmates in the asylum and sent it to the literary weekly, Philippine Graphic. The editors not only found his fiction good enough to publish, they offered him a job in the editorial staff. He rose to become a senior editor. By this time, the boy who never went to college, was becoming known as a walking dictionary. Because he was Pampango, his friends started calling him Abé, the Kapampangan word meaning friend or companion.

When the war came and the Japanese occupied Manila, Abé worked briefly for the enemy translating Japanese propaganda in English into Tagalog. Unknown to the Japanese authorities, young Abé twisted the translations and surreptitiously published guerrilla news right under the noses of the occupying soldiers. When things were getting hot for the young propagandist, Abé slipped out of sight and joined his guerrilla unit in the Bulacan area.

After the war, he and his fellow writers regrouped and went back to their writing jobs. Eventually, Abé was hired as editor of the Sunday Times magazine and in the late '50s became a famous editorialist and a respected art critic. He wielded great influence in political and art circles and his counsel was sought by presidents and national leaders. He was regarded as a leading nationalist intellectual of his time.

When Ferdinand Marcos imposed martial law in 1972 and closed down all newspapers including Abé's The Daily Mirror, the editor temporarily set aside his pen and turned to serious painting. In a few years, Abé was acknowledged as one of the country's leading painters. He resumed writing essays for the national press and taught himself French to such a masterly degree that he soon translated French books into English. He also spoke Spanish and understood Italian. UP, which he had spurned as an art student, appointed him professorial lecturer in the Arts and the Humanities.

In 1976, Abé Cruz was appointed Philippine Permanent Representative to the Unesco in Paris with the rank of Ambassador Plenipotentiary Extraordinary. He didn't stay long in his post, however. Although he loved French culture and cuisine, he hated the cold weather. Back in Manila, he wrote columns in newspapers and painted oils and watercolors everyday. He also spent much time exploring new places to eat, for the love of good food was his other great passion.

For his legendary food explorations and great mind, he became a sought-after companion by young men and women eager to learn at his feet. Many of these admirers have since become outstanding personalities in their own fields.

In 1980, Abé, with his son Larry, founded Cafe Adriatico in Malate "just for the fun of it." Little did father and son know that this little café would give birth to two dozen more restaurants and bars from Manila to Cebu, Hong Kong, San Francisco and Washington, DC. Abé left much of the restaurant work and its rewards to his son, but it was obvious where the influence and the guiding light was coming from. Cafe Adriatico had changed the way Manilans dined out in the '80s, and the ripples it created could still be felt in the food scene in Manila well into the new millennium.

For all his great accomplishments in life, *Tatang* Abé has said that the one that gave him most pleasure was the search for good food — be it in a roadside *turo-turo* or an outdoor cafe in Paris—shared with the right company. A simple man in the rice field, Abé once said, can have as enjoyable a meal as a rich man dining in an

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by Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Serving the Poor in Asia Today

The true shepherd of the poor—especially in Asia—is invited to descend from a position of power and discover his own frailty, brokenness and poverty. Only then can he begin to journey sincerely with the weak, the wounded and the poor whom he claims to love

I FIND IT CONSOLING THAT POPE JOHN PAUL II, IN HIS EXHORTATION ON THE CHURCH IN ASIA (*ECCLESIA IN ASIA*), SPEAKS NOT TO THE CHURCH-AS-ORGANIZATION BUT DIRECTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS, THE INDIVIDUAL MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS, AND THE INDIVIDUAL FAITHFUL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Institutional Service. For the Church-as-institution has been operating for centuries now almost like a huge machine, all its cogs functioning with precision, and all its programs and ministries for the poor in Asia (as everywhere else) perfectly and universally in place. Bishops in their dioceses, priests and deacons in their parishes, men and women religious in their specific ministries and missions, have been making their "institutional presence" felt wherever they have been sent: building churches and schools, administering hospitals and communications networks, establishing orphanages and welcoming houses for the poor, and so on.

They are already in places indicated by Pope John Paul as "fertile soil" for harvest in the Church as far as the poor in Asia are concerned. In this sense, *institutionally* the Church is already where the poor are. But can we say that every individual bishop, priest and deacon, every individual man and woman religious, and every lay man and woman in the Church is *personally*, sincerely and thoroughly "pro-poor"?

A pro-poor activist priest in the Archdiocese of Manila seemed to irritate some members of the clergy when he said in public that some Catholic churchmen love to preach about the poor and about opting for the poor, but live like the rich and famous. As a saintly bishop once confessed: "I love the poor, but it's being poor, powerless and nameless that I cannot stand."

We priests, bishops and ministers of the Word know everything about loving the poor, giving to the poor, feeding the hungry, building shelters for the homeless and joining protest rallies on behalf of the poor. But we tend to do all these from a position of power. Our model of leadership is the more familiar and acceptable secular model of "power-shepherding."

What's Your Mindset? Secular society pressures me to believe that I can be an "effective" pro-poor advocate only when I am in a position of having wealth, power and popularity (the three temptations of Jesus in the desert, see Matthew 4). The secular "success ethnic" dictates that for me to be "in-charge," I must be perceived to be "on top and in top shape," strong, self-sufficient, invulnerable and spectacular. A "shepherd" and "leader" today is often understood to be a person who gives and gives, talks and talks about opting for the poor, builds and builds (hospitals, temples, foundations for the poor), and yet remains free to live like the rich and famous power-holders of the world.

But a biblical and spiritual understanding of "shepherding the poor" is exactly the opposite of this worldly mindset. The true shepherd of the poor—especially in Asia—is invited to descend from a position of power (Phil. 2:6-8) and discover his own frailty, brokenness and poverty. Only then can he begin to journey sincerely with the weak, the wounded and the poor whom he claims to love.

The shepherd may not have much to give, but what he gives is his companionship in the journey of his flock. The good shepherd can touch the "untouchables" of society and smile at the dirty beggar by the roadside without fear or guilt, because he knows what it feels like to be rejected and abused, and to be "poor" himself. He knows that to be a good shepherd of the poor in Asia, he must first descend from his position of power and empty himself of all that is not of the Spirit. Only then can he expect our Father to invite him to move up close to His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd and Model for us all.

Empowering Powerlessness. The Church in Asia should take care not to reinforce the "rich-and-powerful image" of the traditional Church, but should empower instead the "poor-powerless-unspectacular image" as the manifestation of the true face of Jesus Christ in Asia. This face is not that of a "triumphalist, powerful, rich and famous Messiah," but of a "poor, powerless and wounded servant of God."

Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

The politicians, businessmen and entertainers—and the rest of the worldly-wise—are easily impressed by the traditional "rich-famous-and-powerful" image of the institutional Church, while ignoring, belittling, marginalizing and ridiculing the "impractical, irrelevant and corny" image of the "poor-powerless-and-anonymous" individual priest of the poor.

The Pope's *Ecclesia in Asia*, in addressing the individual bishop, priest, deacon, and the individual man and woman religious, the individual faithful member of the Church, seems to dare them to come down from their institutional position of power, wealth and popularity, to move radically to the side of the poor of the land, and to join them in facing the lions again.

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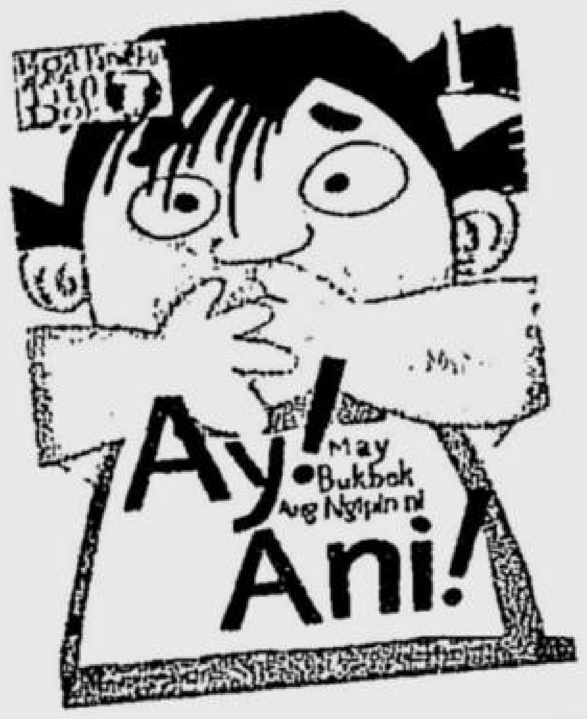
Noteworthy

Tall Tales and Body Pains

Everything kids want to learn about their bodies they can learn from this doctor's books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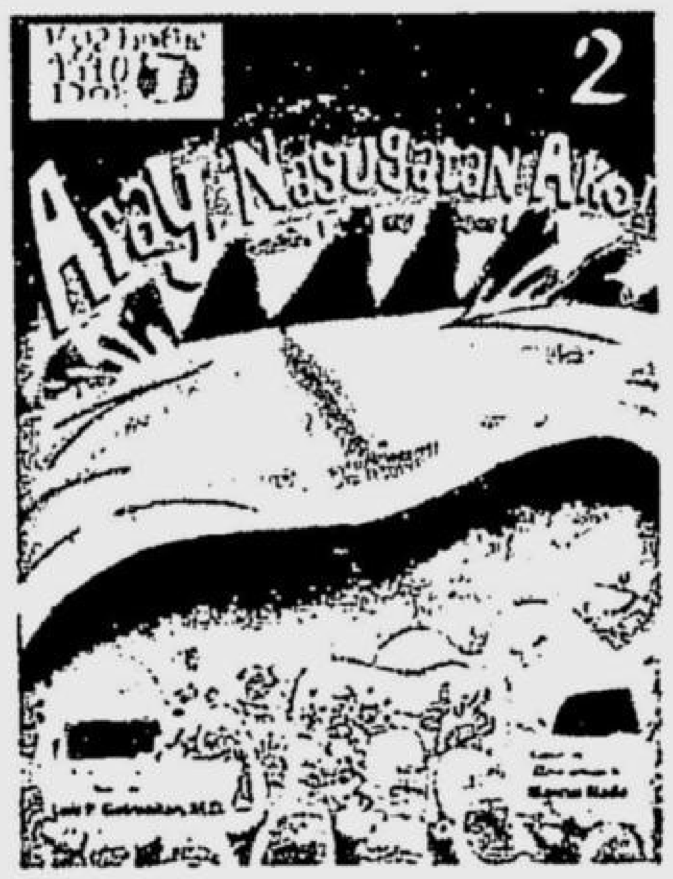

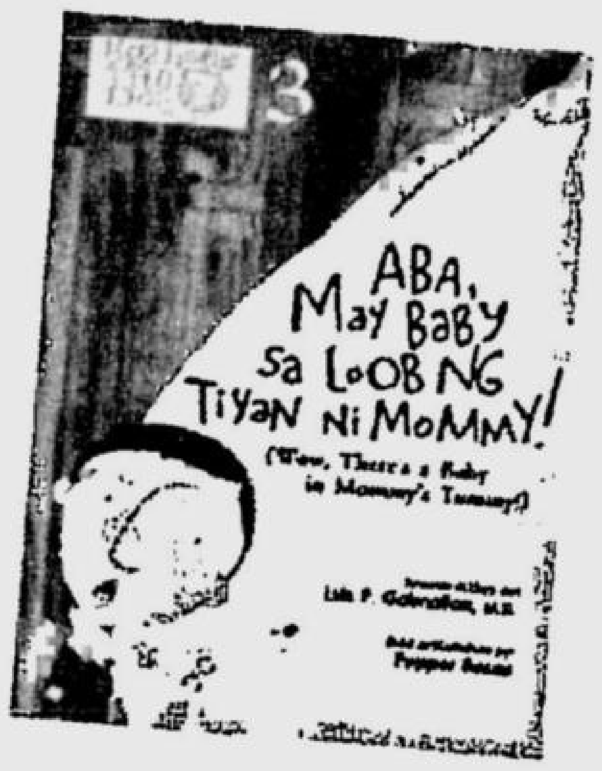
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ABA, May BaBy sa LoOB NG TiyaN ni MoMMY!
(Wow, There's a Baby in Mommy's Tummy!)

WHEN HE'S NOT VOLUNTEERING AT A CHILDREN'S CANCER WARD OR TENDING HIS OWN PEDIATRIC PRACTICE, DR. LUIS P. GATMAITAN TELLS TALL TALES. ABOUT TALKING PLATELETS AND QUARRELLING BLOOD CELLS. SKULKING GERMS AND MEANDERING MICROBES. ONCE ABOUT MOSQUITOES LAYING OUT A BATTLE PLAN.

So who says anatomy and health need be boring?

Not when you're giving children their first lessons in it, says the good doctor, who has so far written 12 children's books on medical topics, from dengue fever to cancer and, most recently, on toothaches, blood clotting and how babies develop.

"Ay! May Bukbok ang Ngipin ni Ani!" (Ani has a bad tooth), "Aray! Nasugatan Ako!" (Ouch! I Cut my Finger!) and "Aba! May Baby sa Loob ng Tiyan ni Mommy!" (Wow! There's a Baby Inside Mommy's Tummy!), *Tito* Dok's latest titles, were recently launched by OMF Lit, one of the biggest Christian publisher in the Philippines.

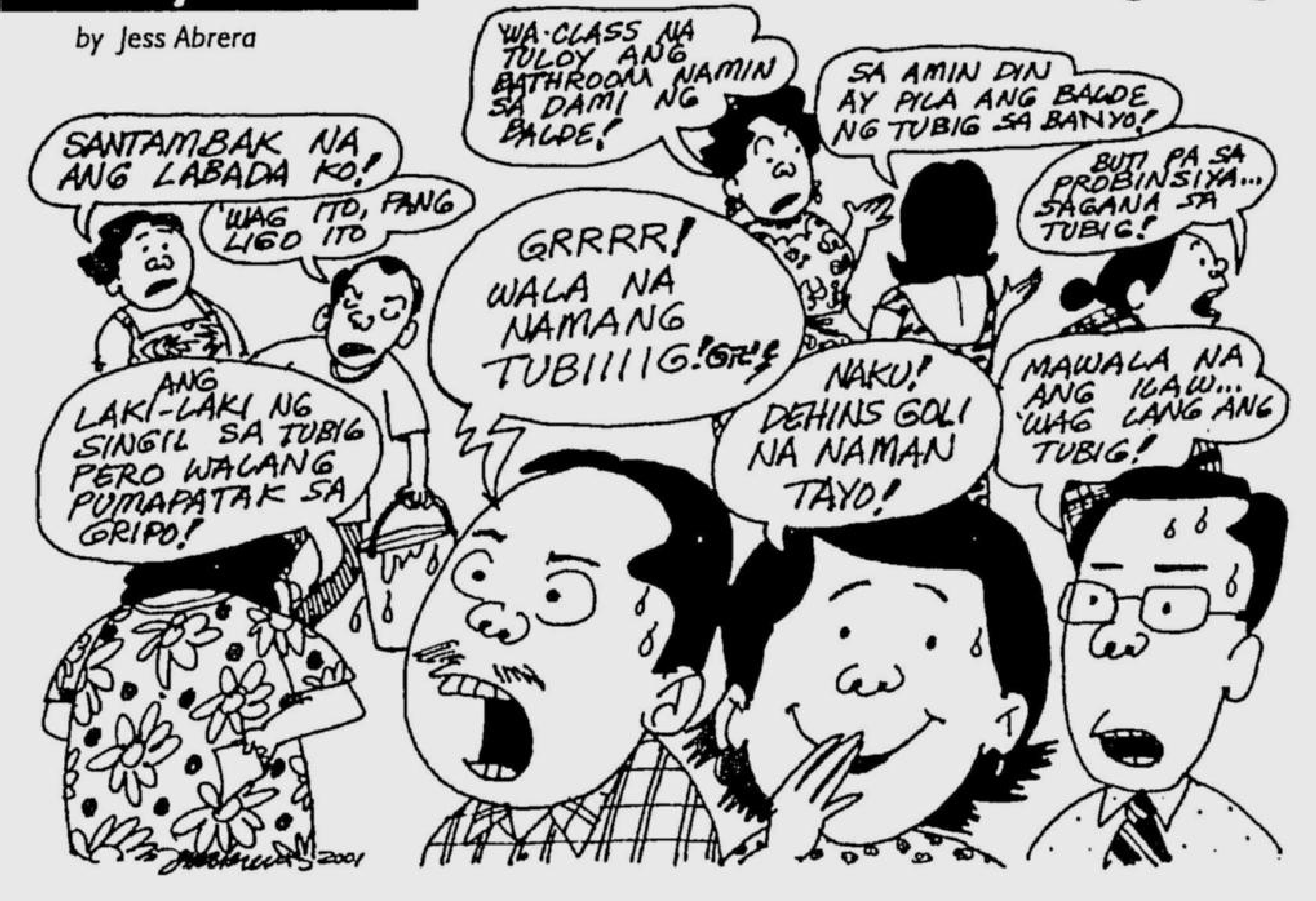
The books are written in Filipino, with parallel English text, and uses colorful illustrations and story dialogues to describe the common aches and pains that kids are prone to. More than just explaining how blood cells work or why a bad tooth hurts, the books also teach values to their young readers. "Aray!" for instance teaches the need for unity as it shows why white blood cells, red blood cells and the platelets must team up to stop bleeding. "May Baby..." meanwhile prepares a child for the coming of a new baby.

The books are available at leading bookstores and OMF Lit at 531-0141 or 032-416-4876. **PAC**

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

Walang Tubig!!!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THE LEGEND...from page 13

expensive restaurant. To him, any kind of food can be good as long as its main ingredients are fresh. On this, he maintained, there could be no compromise.

In the twilight of his years, Abé, dogged by recurrent illness, remained a passionate painter. A retrospective exhibition of his works from 1945 to 1991 was held at the Metropolitan Museum in November. After a successful opening of his exhibition, Abé slipped out of the museum and had a private celebration with his personal nurse—a late dinner at a small *carinderia* in the city. He may have paid dearly for that indulgent meal, for two days later, Abé was rushed to hospital and would never leave it. He died a month later, a man who lived his life wisely, well, and to the full.

His wake was attended by the high and mighty as well as by simple friends and admirers who gathered in the churchyard cafe set up just for him.

On a sunny December morning in 1991, his body was cremated and his ashes strewn by his family near the slopes of the mountain he loved, painted and wrote about: Mt. Arayat on the Magalang side. After the farewells, the National Historical Commission unveiled a historical marker in his honor in front of the church in the town plaza, where it now stands as a permanent testimony to this legendary son of Magalang.

The author, who is on his last term as councilor of Magalang, Pampanga, contributed this article on the occasion of his subject's birth anniversary on May 22.

MORE THAN...from page 10

Pilipinas-Metro Manila Chapter.

Another TV personality who gets high marks for her commitment to public service is Cielito "Mahal" del Mundo, who is best known for her hosting stint on "Kapwa Ko, Mahal Ko," one of the longest running public service-oriented TV shows in the country.

Described as a "woman of God," Coney Reyes is guided by the verse, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything else He will add unto you." The former host of a noontime variety show also produced the top rating drama anthology, "Coney Reyes on Camera," and was host and executive producer of "700 Club Asia." Cast in ABS-CBN's "Ang Munting Paraiso," Reyes reveals the travails that she has undergone, adding that "God has really picked me up from the pits." A rape victim at the age of 18, she counts a failed marriage, an adulterous relationship, and a bout with malignant cancer as turning points in her life that pointed her towards God. Of her most recent award, she says, " "God rewards those who diligently seek Him."

Much like Mary Kay, the success of these women sprang from their dreams and their drive. They may not be professional beauty consultants, but they certainly know a thing or two about true and lasting beauty.

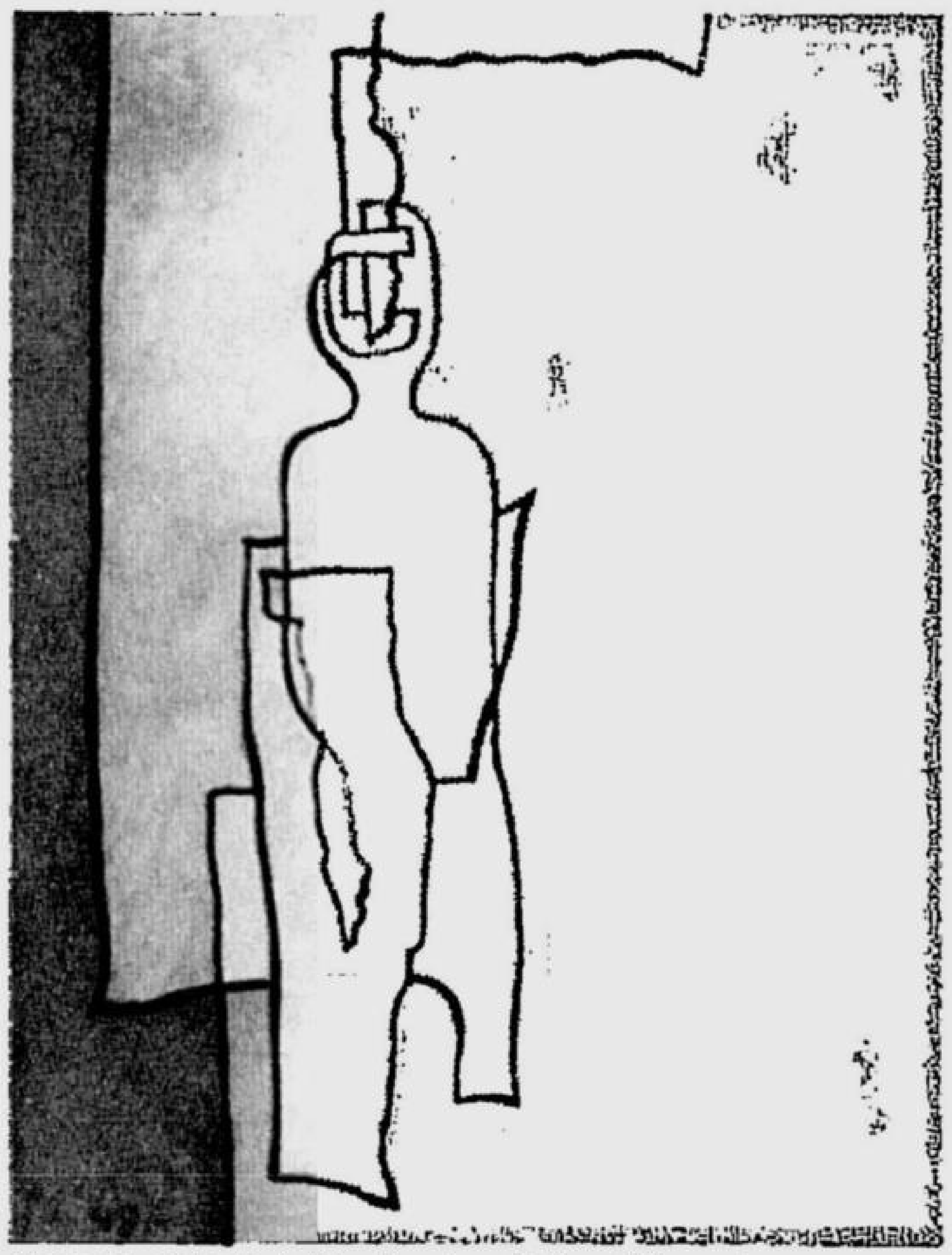
This Week

Art

Collecting Thunder, an exhibit of landscape paintings by Nona Garcia and Gary-Ross Pastrana at Finale Art Gallery, Artwalk, Level 4, SM Megamall A until today.

Synthetic Solitude, a solo exhibit by Kiko Escora at the Big and Small Art Gallery, The Enterprise Center, Ayala Avenue, Makati City until July 15. For details, call 371-8887.

Colors of Summer, an exhibit of flower portraits by Catrin Rothe inspired by her extensive travels around Asia, South America and Europe, will be presented by Galleria Duemila at Le Soufflé Restaurant and Wine Bar, Fort Bonifacio until July 4. For details, call 831-9990 and 833-9815.



"Journals of the Relic" by Francisco Pellicer Viri, on view at the Hiraya Gallery until July 4

La Divina, a photo exhibit of the legendary soprano Maria Callas presented by Repertory Philippines and the Philippines Opera Company, ongoing until today at the lobby of the William J. Shaw Theater, Shangri-La Plaza. For details, call 633-4821 to 25.

Through a Prism, Darkly, a solo exhibit by Francisco Pellicer Viri at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila until July 4. For details, call 523-3331.

Food

Noodle Feast, a festive spread of delectable noodles available for lunch and dinner at the Pavilion Court of Holiday Inn Manila until June 30. For reservations, call 526-1212 ext. 2503.

Caribbean Cruisin' Buffet Festival offers delectable gourmet adventure on the culinary wonders of the Caribbean, available at all Dads branches in SM Megamall, Glorietta III and Alabang Town Center.

Nimono, a buffet of authentic and healthy simmering broth and hot Nimono dishes available at all Saisaki branches.

Makati Shangri-La offers **weekend Japanese buffet** at Inagiku Restaurant with an assortment of Inagiku selections from soups, salads, appetizers, hot dishes and desserts. For reservations, call 813-8888 ext. 7588.

Cravings offers an ultimate buffet of delectable pasta specials, cold desserts, bottomless iced tea drinks, soups and salads for only P299. For details, call 426-4869 and 426-4838.

Tadao Hayashi serenades diners at Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila's Ciao Bar-Ristorante until July 3 while they're enjoying the restaurant's various **Executive Set Lunches.** For details, call 867-3333 ext. 3310.

La Comida de Caviteña, a food festival featuring the culinary treasures of Cavite City at Holiday Inn's Café Coquilla until June 30.

Atbp

Museo Pambata celebrates *Araw ng Maynila* by giving free entrance to all Manila residents (children and adults). Bring any valid ID with your address.

Learn the art of **body painting and jewelry making** with Jean Pierre Lao and learn a few things about Ayala Museum's collection of shells and beads on June 30, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Ayala Museum. For details, call 812-1191 to 97 loc. 128.

Anvil Publishing recently launched four new additions to the **Pinoy Classic Cuisine series** by noted chef and restaurateur Gene Gonzalez. The new titles are: "The Little Gulay Book," "The Little Kakanin Book," "The Little Philippine Bar Book" and "The Little Sabaw Book."

Erlinda Kalaw Ilusorio writes the story about the feud that fractured her family since it started in May 1998 in the book, **"On the Edge of Heaven."** For complimentary copies, call 813-0085 and 892-3275.

Maryknoll/Miriam College announces the **search for outstanding graduates.** The objectives of the project are: to recognize the amazing achievements of Maryknoll/Miriam graduates; celebrate the alumni's collective legacy, and to provide future graduates with real-life models of service and success. For inquiries, call 426-0170 or email alumni@mc.edu.ph.

Tanghalang Pilipino is holding **auditions for Nick Joaquin's "El Camino Real"** on July 1 and 2, 6 to 10 p.m. The production needs male actors, aged 20-45. Also, Actors' Company is seeking talents to be trained as resident members, open to both male and female actors on July 1 and 2, 1 to 5 p.m. Applicants are required to submit a comprehensive acting resumé with two pieces of 2 x 2 ID photos. For details, call 832-3661 or 832-1125 loc. 1620.

RX Band Breakout 2001, a search for talented, unsigned bands presented by RX 93.1 and Jag Jeans. Send in your entries on CD or cassette formats containing at least one original song and cover performance to RX 93.1 until June 30. For details, visit 17th Floor, Strata 2000, Ortigas Center, Pasig City or email pam@rx93.1.com.

Kidney Camp at Museo Pambata, a day of storytelling, games and a tour of the museum for young kidney patients as a special treat from Museo Pambata and Philippine Children's Medical Center on June 28. For details, call 523-1798.

The Filipino Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, is offering **songwriting seminars:** Music Types and Genres and Basic Arranging for Songwriters (June 30, July 7, 14 and 21); MIDI and Music Sequencing Software (July 28); Record Production (Aug. 5); and The Music Business (Aug. 11). For inquiries, call 433-4107 and 925-2705.

Those who joined the **2000 PBBY Illustrator's Prize** can now claim their entries at 73-A Scout Limbaga St., QC. For details, call 372-3548 /49 or email adarnahouse@adarna.com.ph.

Discover which values, paradigms, attitudes, and behaviors create your success and go on a journey of self-discovery through the **Foundations of Leadership Excellence seminar** by Organizational Change Consultants International Inc., June 30-July 1 at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. For details, call 897-5219 or e-mail at erquinto@vasia.com.

Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants-Philippine Christian University together with NFJPIA NCR Council presents 1st Regional Assembly– **"Music Makes the People Come Together!"**, at PCU-Manila Gym, June 24, 2-6 p.m. For details, call 400-3228.

eKsperim[E]nt2, a Filipino film festival in the US that includes a video and short films competition. To access festival rules, log on to www.geocities.com/eksperimento. For details, call 530-4048 or email eksperimento@hotmail.com. Deadline is June 30.

Mary Kay Philippines recently inaugurated its first Connect Center at 207 Casa Rafael Building, 1223 Quezon Avenue, QC. Independent beauty consultants can now avail themselves of skin-care classes and new consultant's training sessions held every Monday, Friday and Saturday. For details, call 893-4855 and 371-8322.

National Geographic Channel presents **"Beyond the Movie: Pearl Harbor,"** a special that exposes the real stories, heroes, places and action depicted in the Hollywood feature film and includes behind-the-scenes footages and interviews with the film's cast and director, June 30, 9 p.m.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines Visual Arts Unit announces the opening of applications to the **6th Oita Asian Sculpture Competition and Exhibition** in Japan. The event aims to recognize younger sculptors while promoting Asian sculpture. Applicants must be less than 50 years old as of April 30, 2001. Submitted works must be original, not been exhibited and must be suitable and durable for outdoor display. Applications forms are available at the CCP Visual Arts Unit. For inquiries, call 832-3702. Deadline for filing applications is August 15.

The Philippine Postal Corp. in cooperation with the Australian Embassy will issue **commemorative stamps** depicting the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the Sydney Opera House to illustrate the close cultural ties between the Philippines and Australia. The stamps will be released until Aug. 21 or while stocks last. For details, call 527-0132 and 527-0096.

The Museum Shop of Ayala Museum offers **Paete products** like polychromed papier-mache horses filled with candies, coloring horse sets with five bottles of paint and three brushes, and Pedrito, a stuffed toy version of the Paete papier-mache horse. For inquiries, call 812-1191 to 97 loc. 122.

The Makati Eye Laser Center introduces the **Zyoptix Laser System,** a high-precision instrument for measuring refractive error and providing the optimal corrective solution. For details, call 813-0343 and 893-1152 or visit the center at Alegria Building, 2229 Pasong Tamo, Makati City.

Star Movies on the cable channel presents the following movies this month: "Anywhere But Here" (June 24, 9 p.m.); "The Blair Witch Project" (June 25, 5:45 p.m.); "Mumford" (June 25, 12:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.); "Mystery, Alaska" (June 28, 9 p.m.); "Anna and the King" (June 29, 11 p.m.).

Laube, a line of professional facial care accessories exclusively available at HBC, Your Personal Store, has extended its 10 percent off promo until June 30 at all branches nationwide.

"Viva Gizmo Giveaway @ 7-Eleven. 7-Eleven and Viva Mineral Water are giving away Nokia cellphones, M105 Palm Pilots and mountain bikes for every P30 single purchase of Viva Mineral Water at any 7-Eleven store. Offer good until June 30.

X-manila

The Servants of the Holy Spirit Catholic Community will hold a **Marriage Encounter** at Maryhill Retreat House Antipolo, Rizal from June 29 to July 1. The marriage encounter is designed to renew marriage by giving an opportunity for spouses to rediscover each other and rekindle the couples' love with God as center. For details, call 926-3002, 853-0110 and 927-4415.

Fragile, an exhibit of mixed media paintings by Revo Yanson at the Gallery Blanco, The Negros Museum until June 30. For details, call (034) 434-5552.

Island Cove Resort in Kawit, Cavite offers the **Dream Vacation promo** until September 30 that includes accommodation for two adults and two kids 12 years and below for only P2,500 on weekdays and P3,000 on weekends. For details, call (046) 434-0210 or its Makati sales office at 810-3740 and 810-3728.

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